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States

Washington gubernatorial vote: More than two months after Washington voters cast their ballots, Republican Dino Rossi is hoping the courts will give them another chance to pick their next governor.

Rossi and the state GOP announced Friday they will contest the gubernatorial election that gave Rossi's Democratic foe, Christine Gregoire, a 129-vote victory.

Death penalty lawsuit: A confessed serial killer set to become the first inmate executed in New England in 40 years urged a federal judge Friday to dismiss efforts by the inmate's father and a civil liberties group to spare his life.

"I don't need anyone filing on my behalf," Michael Ross told Judge Christopher Droney via closed circuit television from Osborn Correctional Institution in Somers, Conn. "I can file my own lawsuits if I wish."

Peterson murders: The five people who are sharing a \$50,000 reward for finding the bodies of Laci Peterson and her fetus have chosen to stay out of the spotlight, but Laci Peterson's mother nonetheless offered them her gratitude Friday.

"You could have chosen to keep on walking," Sharon Rocha said, her voice trembling at a news conference where the Carole Sundt/Carrington Foundation formally presented the reward. "You didn't. ... For that we will be eternally grateful."

Clergy sex abuse: The Archdiocese of Portland, Ore., has begun running ads in major U.S. newspapers alerting alleged victims of clergy sex abuse to an April 29 deadline to make claims in most cases.

The \$250,000 worth of ads, required as part of the church's bankruptcy proceedings, will run in 21 newspapers, including The Wall Street Journal and USA Today, over the next three weeks.

JonBenet Ramsey death: A federal judge has tossed out a lawsuit filed by the parents of JonBenet Ramsey against Fox News Channel, saying a network report unfavorable to the couple was not defamatory.

In a ruling made public Friday, Judge Philip Pigs said litigation in defamation cases could chill constitutionally protected free speech rights and because of that, the facts in such cases must be established with "convincing clarity."

The lawsuit was filed over a December 2002 story that aired around the six-year anniversary of the 6-year-old girl's slaying.



TOMMY HOHNITZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Kitty Hawk drill: Hull Technician 2nd Class Benjamin Bates, back left, from Cabot, Ark., watches Hull Technician 1st Class Javier Castaneda from Houston operate a Navy firefighter's thermal imager to scan a simulated ship fire for hot spots. Fire drills assist the USS Kitty Hawk's crew in maintaining standards of readiness and streamlining procedures during times of emergency. The Kitty Hawk is currently in its homeport at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

World

Darfur fighting: Secretary of State Colin Powell, visiting Nairobi, Kenya, on Saturday, declined to say whether Sudan was still carrying out ethnic genocide in Darfur, but warned that the government could face U.N. penalties if the violence in the region continues.

Powell also said a hard-won agreement to end the fighting between Sudan's government and southern rebels could provide momentum for settling the conflict in Darfur, which is in the west.

N. Korea nuclear talks: North Korea said Saturday it was willing to abandon its atomic weapons programs, but demanded a change in U.S. policy as an American congressman critical of the communist state's human rights records visited Pyongyang.

The statement, although echoing the North's earlier stance, appeared to be timed for a visit by Congressman Tom Lantos, the ranking Democrat on the U.S. House International Relations Committee, who arrived in the North Korean capital on Saturday.

Estrada corruption charges: Ousted Philippine President Joseph Estrada on Friday tried to quash rumors that he planned to stay overseas so that he wouldn't have to face corruption charges back home.

"I was born there and I will die there," Es-

trada said of the Philippines in an interview with Associated Press Television News one week after doctors operated on both of his knees in Hong Kong.

Estrada said last Friday's surgery to relieve osteoarthritis in both his knees was successful and that he didn't feel any discomfort until the anesthesia wore off.

China abortions: China is planning to make selective abortions of female fetuses illegal as a way to close the widening gap between the number of boys and girls in the country, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Government figures show 119 boys are born in China for every 100 girls — a gap blamed largely on parents aborting baby girls to try again for a boy under the country's one-child policy.

Military

Abu Ghraib abuse trial: A terror suspect captured by Navy SEALs in Iraq was able to walk on his own and was resisting his captors when the CIA took custody of him, according to a Navy officer who said he was the last SEAL to see the prisoner alive.

Testimony at a military hearing for a Navy SEAL lieutenant charged with assault and maltreatment indicated that Manadel al-Jamadi died a short time later in the shower room of Abu Ghraib prison while he was being interrogated by the CIA.

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English center can't do business on base

Yokosuka commander: Company violated commercial activity rules

BY CHYOMI SUMIDA
Stars and Stripes

Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, commander Capt. King Dietrich sought to clarify in a television report aired last Monday that no commercial activities are allowed in government quarters or any other facilities on the military base.

Dietrich said he has barred one company, Lily English Center, which pairs English teachers on base with Japanese students off base, from conducting any business on the base.

"We had a couple of problems with them and I have recently signed a letter banning them from doing any business on the base," he told viewers.

"If you have been teaching with Lily English Center, you need to stop because they are not allowed to do any business on base

here," he said. "That means that if you are a teacher living on base, you cannot bring a Lily English Center student on base to give them classes in your house or one of the eating facilities ... anywhere on the base."

"That does not preclude you from going off base and meeting your students," he added.

The Lily English Center is owned by Yuri Aoki, who has offices in Yokosuka and Tokyo. Her company matches English-language instructors with Japanese students and arranges home-stays within Japan and abroad.

"They have been involved in some practices that we do not approve after we warned them," Dietrich said in the report.

The ban came as a shock to Aoki, she said.

"I was shocked to learn that our teachers on base teaching English at their home vi-

lates the rules," she said during a telephone interview Friday.

She said that she received a letter signed by Dietrich at the end of December.

"It was dated Dec. 8 and came to our Yokosuka office, but it was only late December when the letter was forwarded to my Tokyo office," she said.

"I am confused indeed, but at the same time I feel sorry if whatever we were doing offended the base regulations," she said.

Her company's trouble with base leaders started last April, when Dietrich announced through the same television program that base residents no longer could host Japanese students overnight as a part of paid English lessons.

Following Dietrich's April announcement, the base legal affairs department issued a policy letter to clarify the rules.

SEE LILY ON PAGE 4



Yuri Aoki, founder of Lily English Center, has been matching English teachers and students for four years in Yokosuka, Japan. The company has been barred from performing any business on the base.

Sasebo officers plan radio program

BY GREG TYLER
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Starting Tuesday, Sasebo's detachment of the Armed Forces Network launches a new radio program — "Command Connections" — that will allow community members to interact on the air with the base commander and chief staff officer.

The show will air on 1575 AM at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and allow sailors, civilian employees and dependents a chance to submit comments, suggestions and questions.

Listeners can call during the program, and questions also can be submitted by sending an e-mail, submitting an internal communications (ICE) comment or dropping a note in one of the command suggestion boxes — but input through those methods must be submitted by the close of business the Monday before the show's broadcast date, said base spokesman Charles T. Howard.

Starting on a yet-to-be-determined date, "Command Connections" will be re-aired on Commander's Channel 12, Howard added.

"We'll advertise this as soon as



Courtesy to Stars and Stripes

Sasebo commander Capt. Michael James, shown assuming command in 2002, plans to join chief staff officer Cmdr. Bernie Wang on a new radio show that will allow sailors and other community members to interact with the officers on issues of interest.

the techno bugs are worked out," he said.

The host of the program, Seaman Darrin Russ, will manage the calls and keep the show moving while base commander Capt. Michael James and chief staff officer Cmdr. Bernie Wang address various issues.

"From my perspective it's a great thing. How many E-3s ... people with lower ranks like me ... get the chance to speak about an issue directly with the captain? It just doesn't happen," Russ said Thursday.

"When you have questions or suggestions, even complaints, you're supposed to work it through the military chain of command, and not go straight to the base commander," the host added.

"This program takes all that out of the equation," Russ said, "and I think it's an exciting opportunity."

It also shows how willing they (James and Wang) are to listen to what sailors and others in the community have to say."

Officials in Sasebo said they hope sailors and others will "take advantage of this unique opportunity to get direct feedback from leadership on the pertinent issues of the day," said Howard.

Participation not only "satisfies your own curiosity," on a topic, but also "benefits the entire community," Howard added.

Comments, suggestions and questions for the broadcast should be e-mailed to: afn-commandconnections@sasebo.navy.mil or charles.t.howard@sasebo.navy.mil.

Those wishing to pose a question line should call DSN 252-1575 from on base, and 0956-50-1575 from outside the gates.

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Yokota aid deployment

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Another 150 troops from the 374th Airfield Wing will leave Wednesday for various locations in Southwest Asia to support operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, Yokota officials said.

It's part of a scheduled rotation within the Air Force's Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycle, with the upcoming deployment representing roughly half of Yokota's entire commitment in AEF 3 and 4 — which is being carried out in waves this month.

Col. Doug Kreulen, the acting 374th Airfield Wing commander, will join family, friends and other senior leaders for Wednesday's send-off.

Personnel from several squadrons and agencies are among them, including staff from civil engineering, communications, mission support, wing staff, medical, logistic readiness, maintenance, aircraft maintenance, operational support, air postal, controller, weather, security forces, contracting and services.

From staff reports

Yokota parking deck ramp to face closures during renovations

Work on roof of community center to make location safer for vehicles

BY VINCE LITTLE
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The ramp leading to the parking deck on the roof of the Yokota Community Center will be closed partially beginning Wednesday for scheduled upgrades.

A local contractor is repaving and regrooving the surface to enhance safety and reduce maintenance requirements, officials said. A fresh coat of paint also will be applied during the \$120,000 project, funded by the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron. Work should be wrapped up by March 2.

"The ramp will have a cross-graded nonslip concrete surface, with a nonslip hardened entryway and exit area in front of the ramp," said 2nd Lt. Charles Comfort, chief of the civil engineer squadron's construction management section. "During snow or rain, the ramp can become extremely slippery. There's been damage to the ramp caused by slipping vehicles during inclement weather."

"The renovations will offer the customers of YCC a safer alternative to park, which will reduce the potential for hazards on the ramp."

Starting Wednesday, motorists won't have access to the ramp from 8-11 a.m. weekdays. A partial closure will be in effect from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with three flagmen directing traffic.

The ramp's two lanes both will be open after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day on weekends.

"We're trying to make it during nonpeak hours," said Capt. Rockie Wilson, the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron's chief of maintenance engineering.

No work is planned for the YCC's parking deck, Comfort said. However, Seikotoku Kogyo Company Ltd., the local contractor handling all of Yokota's resurfacing projects, is repaving Crabb Avenue from the ramp's entrance and exit toward the Burger King and YCC — about 33 yards in each direction.

That work will require a full road closure Feb. 7, Comfort said, with that segment of Crabb Avenue limited to one lane a day later.

From Feb. 9-25, workers plan to replace the yellow barrels that separate the ramp's entrance and exit, but the road won't be shut down.

While the ramp project certainly will impact traffic flow around the YCC, Comfort said the officials organizing closures and alternate routes are prepared to deal with the situation.

"It definitely will be a slight inconvenience for drivers, but not to the point where they'll be totally frustrated," he added. "Measures are in place to deal with the traffic."

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Unless hot spots flare, focus to stay on Iraq

DOD to keep eye on N. Korea, Iran and other troubled areas

BY PAULINE JELINEK
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The military will have plenty to do in the four years of a second Bush administration. While the war in Iraq figures to dominate all else, as it has the past two years, other potential hot spots could demand attention.

And overshadowing all will be the questions of whether the military has enough troops — and money — to do everything the administration has planned.

"Conventional wisdom says that most of our assets are going to be involved in Iraq," said Peter Brookes, an assistant defense secretary for Asia at the start of President Bush's first term.

"But you're just not sure what

sort of things are going to develop ... flare up," the Heritage Foundation analyst said, wondering about the possibility of issues arising with China, Taiwan and North Korea.

Consider the tsunami in Asia. The Pentagon is devoting more than 13,000 troops, an aircraft carrier and dozens of aircraft to humanitarian relief.

As for new combat operations, the seeds of possible military conflict have been germinating for some time in Iran, Syria, Pakistan and elsewhere, analysts said.

Right now, some 150,000 American troops are trying to stabilize an increasingly violent Iraq, with no time table for when they can leave.

"At the Pentagon, policy-makers are utterly absorbed with Iraq," said analyst Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute.

The military also must anticipate and plan for increased China-Taiwan tensions; troubled diplomatic efforts to halt suspected Iranian and North Korean nuclear programs; and the struggles by Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, to halt his nation together while he allies himself with U.S. counterterrorism efforts in the face of violent disapproval from domestic Islamic fundamentalists.

Massive tasks that can't be finished but on which defense officials need to make headway in the next four years include the transformation of the military and its weapons systems toward a more modern force, the moving and closing of some overseas bases, and another round of closings of domestic military bases.

"What happens is that they have all these things on their plate ... things being nudged along like a peanut with your nose, and then there's a fire you have to put out," Brookes said.

Defense officials are trying to figure out how to offset the unexpectedly high cost of the campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Among cost-saving ideas being discussed are sending one of the Navy's 12 aircraft carriers and reducing the Air Force's purchase



A U.S. soldier uses a pair of binoculars to check the north side as a North Korean soldier, center, stands guard at the truce village of Panmunjom at the DMZ between the two Koreas on Feb. 5, 2003. North Korea is one of the hot spots that Bush is expected to continue to watch closely during the next four years.

of F-22 stealth fighters, officials say.

But it could cost an additional \$3 billion a year to expand the 512,000-strong Army by 30,000 soldiers, something a senior Army official this week said they may have to do. The Army has the authority to add the soldiers but arranged for it to be only a temporary boost because it did not want a long-term commitment to the cost of a larger force.

The fact that the military is so very stretched restrains those who might be tempted to use force in new places, Thompson said.

"Inner counsels at the White House — people like Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld — would very much like to do something about troublemakers like Iran and Syria, but in order to act on that impulse they would need a much larger" force, he said.

"We are not going to be looking for any wars of choice, that's for sure," The Brookings Institution's Michael O'Hanlon said.

"But if some of these things happen," he said of any flare-up surrounding Korea, Pakistan, Iran or Taiwan, "we won't have a choice."

Without new provocations, analysts see little chance the administration would use force against North Korea. In Iran, by contrast, some think it somewhat more possible that there could be U.S. or Israeli action.

On the issue of realigning U.S. forces around the world, Bush says he plans to move back to the states up to 70,000 uniformed personnel and 100,000 dependents, part of a worldwide plan to break down large Cold War-era bases and move smaller numbers of troops to places where they can more quickly respond to flare-ups.

That effort can either be complicated or hastened by the continued deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, analysts said.

"Any time you have a plan, you have to overlay with reality," said Brookes, noting that the two campaigns could require much of the military to stay in the Middle East region. "Right now you may need the bases in Germany that you had hoped to close ... this may have to be put off."

"Alas, the current administration's rebasing plan, like the rest of its defense program, has partly

What's in store

FRONT AND CENTER: The U.S. military likely will remain sharply focused on Iraq during the second Bush administration, but other troubled regions could demand attention.

HOT SPOTS: Tensions continue to simmer between the United States and Iran, Syria and North Korea. Relations between China and Taiwan also bear watching.

CHANGING MILITARY: Plans to reshape the military, from troop strength to closing bases and realigning troop deployment, may have to take a back seat.

— The Associated Press

become captive to the hope that the missions in Afghanistan and Iraq are temporary," American Enterprise Institute analyst Thomas Donnelly wrote in a recent paper.

O'Hanlon disagreed, saying a plan to decrease troops in South Korea over the longrun, for instance, might be made easier by Iraq's needs. Troops sent from Korea this year to help temporarily in Iraq may never be built back up in Korea, he said.



JOSEPH GIORDANO/Stars and Stripes

A Marine from Mobile Assault Platoon 3 patrols near Hadithah, Iraq, on Thursday. With about 150,000 servicemen currently in Iraq, some fear if the U.S. military has enough troops to do everything the Bush administration has planned.

Lily: Owner says base rules not violated intentionally

LILY, FROM PAGE 3

The letter stated: "English teachers, whether privately employed or self-employed, are not authorized to have students stay overnight ... or to charge their students or anyone else for staying overnight in government quarters."

Aoki said she discontinued the overnight stay program at all U.S. bases after she learned the program violated base rules.

Aoki's company still offers the home-stay program, but only with teachers who have no connections with the military, she said.

The rules for teaching English vary from base to base. At some bases, teachers must be registered with base officials; at others, no registration is required. Overnight visits have another set of regulations. While some bases forbid any type of home-stay, others will allow it if no additional money is exchanged on top of a lesson fee.

"When I started the program two years ago, I checked with the base and I was assured that it was acceptable as long as we did not charge a fee for the stay," Aoki said. "But when I was informed by a base official in September that it was not legally ac-

ceptable, I immediately discontinued the program on the military base," she said.

She said that another "unintentional" offense her company made against base regulations was a party held last May on Yokosuka, hosted by one of her teachers who resided on the base.

"I thought all the legal requirements were cleared," she said. After the event, while they were preparing for another event for Halloween, she learned that such an event on the base was not allowed, she said.

"As soon as we learned of it, we changed

the party site from on base to off base," she said.

She said that she had no intention of doing anything that violates base rules. Finding out what the rules are, however, has not always been easy, she said.

"It was a stunning discovery that it was illegal to give English lessons at on-base homes," she said.

"But, as long as it is against the regulations, I will comply with them," she said. "I sincerely apologize for causing various troubles," she said.

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Army tries to help war-torn marriages

173rd to benefit with new camps and retreats

BY KENT HARRIS
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — When members of the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) head to Afghanistan in a few months, they'll be facing hostile conditions thousands of miles from their families. But if local military leaders have their way, those soldiers won't be worrying about potentially hostile situations within their families.

"A soldier who is confident in the state of their marriage is a better soldier," says Chaplain (Maj.) David Beauchamp of the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

"From a chaplain's viewpoint ... what's going to last longer: the Army career or the marriage? Hopefully the marriage is going to last longer."

But in today's Army, where long deployments seem to be a never-ending prospect, marriages are thought to be more at risk. However, neither the 173rd — which spent a year in Iraq before returning last spring — SETAF,



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Derek Davage gives 7-month-old son Tyrell, a kiss as he receives a hug from wife Pag-Ibig after his return home to Giessen, Germany, from Iraq last summer. The Army is encouraging soldiers to participate in retreats to renew their marriage commitments prior to deployment.

nor U.S. Army Europe keeps statistics on divorces to prove or disprove that theory.

Chaplain (Maj.) Leon Kirchner, chaplain for the 22nd Area Support Group, which includes Vicenza, counseled some of the 173rd's couples who were having trouble

during and after the deployment. He said some relationships did end in divorce.

"Not as many as I thought there could be," he said. "To say it was epidemic? No."

Both chaplains attribute that to a strong effort by the various agencies at Caserma Ederle charged with supporting families while troops are away. And both think the effort will be better for the upcoming deployment.

Chaplains will lead 300 couples — representing about a quarter of those married in the brigade — on overnight retreats at Lake Garda before the deployment. Col. Kevin Owens, the 173rd commander, allocated thousands of dollars from brigade funds to pay for the retreat. Younger enlisted soldiers and their spouses will get most of the spots.

"It's expensive," Beauchamp said. "But if we can save marriages, it's worth it."

Those participating will focus on communication, forgiveness and commitment, he said. Each partner will be given a commitment coin to carry during the deployment.

"It'll be a reminder to them that they've got responsibilities toward another person," he said. "Not only for the soldiers, but also

their spouses."

In fact, Beauchamp said every married couple in the brigade would get a chance to participate in a commitment ceremony and receive a coin. Those not on the retreats can participate at the base chapel. The Protestant Women of the Chapel is sponsoring an event targeting couples Jan. 21-22 that's called "Battle Proofing Your Marriage."

During the deployment, Kirchner said chaplains will be working on both ends to help couples in need. He said it will be possible to arrange phone sessions to counsel both partners together or separately.

The chapel plans to hold weekly gatherings for spouses with free child care so moms — and dads — can get together to eat, talk, shop or visit local sights. Kirchner said he hopes the informal gatherings will give spouses a chance to share problems and solutions with one another.

The chapel also will sponsor monthly retreats for spouses during the deployment, focusing on potential problems and solutions.

"It's like tuning up a car," Kirchner said. "Sometimes you don't even realize it, but something could be wrong."

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\$2 million being spent on spouse programs

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING
The Associated Press

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — With studies showing divorce rates as high as 21 percent among couples where one spouse has been sent off to war, the Army is spending \$2 million on a variety of marriage programs, including vouchers for romantic getaways to places like the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

When Sgt. Jose Bermudez returned from Iraq early this year, he came home to a new baby and a troubled marriage.

"I've been in the Army 20 years, and I've never seen the Army pay for programs like this!"

The Bermudezes were among 300 couples with the Fort Campbell-based 101st Airborne Division who have attended "marriage enrichment" seminars put on by the Army in hopes of saving war-ravaged relationships.

"I've been in the Army 20 years, and I've never seen the Army pay for programs like this," said Lt. Col. Chester Egert, chaplain for the 101st.

One program being implemented Army-wide teaches couples forgiveness and the skills to communicate.

It includes a 40-hour course with lessons on the dangers of alcohol and tobacco and how to recognize post-traumatic stress.

Soldiers who complete it are rewarded with promotion points and a weekend retreat with their spouse.

"If you learn those skills, you can make an impact on the number of divorces, and the number, we think, of reports of physical violence," said Col. Glen Bloomstrom, director of ministry initiatives for the Chief of Chaplains.

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GI sentenced to six months for assault in drowning case

The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — An Army platoon sergeant who ordered his soldiers to throw Iraqis into the Tigris River was sentenced Saturday to six months in military prison, but will not be discharged.

The military jury also reduced the rank of Army Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins by one grade to sergeant, which cuts his pay and responsibilities.

Perkins, 33, was convicted Fri-

day of two counts of aggravated assault, assault consummated by battery and obstruction of justice.

He was acquitted of involuntary manslaughter and making a false statement.

He did not testify during his trial, but before he was sentenced Saturday told the jury of Army officers and enlisted members that his actions were wrong — although he did not apologize to the Iraqis. He said he still loved the military and did not want to lose his job.

"If I had to go back, I would defi-

nately do something different on those days," Perkins said, wiping away tears.

The six-man jury considered a sentencing range of no punishment to a dishonorable discharge, rank reduction and 11 1/2 years in prison. Prosecutors had recommended five years in prison and a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge.

Perkins was taken to the Bell County Jail because Ford Hood has no jail. It could take up to a week to determine where he will serve his sentence.

U.S. drops bomb on wrong house in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said it dropped a 500-pound bomb on the wrong house outside the northern city of Mosul on Saturday, killing five people. The man who owned the house said the bomb killed 14 people, and an Associated Press photographer said seven of them were children.

The strike in the town of Aitha, 30 miles south of Mosul, came hours before a senior U.S. Embassy official in Iraq met

with leaders of the Sunni Arab community to apply political pressure against their threat to boycott the Jan. 30 elections.

American officials repeatedly have insisted the vote go ahead, but it is an extremely delicate time, with Iraq's government perceived by many as closely tied to the U.S.-led coalition.

Late Saturday, a U.S. military statement said an F-16 jet dropped a 500-pound GPS-guided bomb on a house that was meant to be searched during an operation to capture "an anti-Iraqi force cell leader."

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Workers: VIPs slow aid flow

Tsunami death toll tops 150,000; U.N. prepares to feed refugees

BY JOCELYN GECKER

The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Foreign dignitaries have brought welcome promises of help to Indonesia's devastated Aceh region, but they're also creating traffic problems at the area's tiny main airport. The stream of visiting VIPs has clogged the only landing strip and slowed critical aid deliveries, humanitarian workers complained Saturday.

Rescue workers extracted thousands of corpses from the mud and debris of tsunami-devastated coastal towns in Indonesia, pushing the rising death toll from the Asian disaster past 150,000 on Saturday.

Two weeks after waves of water flattened wide swaths of Indonesia's Sumatra island, people were still emerging from isolated villages, looking hungry and haunted, as aid officials described plans to feed as many as 2 million survivors a day for six months.

Visits by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and U.S. Secretary

of State Colin Powell have shut provincial capital Banda Aceh's only airport briefly for security reasons, delaying deliveries by incoming aid planes.

"It slows things down," said Maj. Murod Khan, a spokesman for Pakistan's Tsunami Relief Task Force. "I think they need to coordinate that better."

Before the disaster struck, the tiny airstrip handled about three flights each day. Now it is a bustling hub for relief operations and has to cope with dozens of daily flights.

A delegation of American senators and representatives arrived to see Banda Aceh on Saturday. They came by helicopter from the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier so as not to take up a landing strip slot.

Tim Gerhardt, a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, said Powell's plane took off again immediately after dropping him off Wednesday so it wouldn't be in the way. The secretary of state toured the area by helicopter and

Gerhardt said aid shipments had continued to flow during that time.

On Saturday, U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said, "Our visit was carefully organized to avoid any interference with the relief operations. In fact, relief planes landed while we were there and at no time did we try to close down movement into Banda Aceh."

Michael Elmqvist, the U.N. official in charge of operations in Sumatra, did not answer a call seeking comment on Annan's visit. Also Saturday, the United Nations said it had begun a mammoth effort to feed up to 2 million survivors of the disaster around southern Asia, focusing particularly on young children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

World Food Program Executive Director James Morris said at a Jakarta news conference that the operation would likely cost \$180 million for six months.

He said the agency has now dispatched enough food in Sri Lanka to help feed 750,000 people there for 15 days.

Observers prepare for Palestinian vote

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israel slowly began easing travel restrictions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Saturday, the eve of Palestinian presidential elections, though problems remained and new checkpoints sprouted in some areas, international election observers said.

Despite the difficulties, Palestinian election officials said they had completed preparations for Sunday's vote to choose a replacement for Yasser Arafat, who died in November, and ballot boxes had been distributed to more than 1,000 polling stations throughout the West Bank and Gaza.

Polls open at 8 a.m. Sunday and close 12 hours later, with 1.8 million Palestinians eligible to vote. Two polling companies are conducting exit polls whose results will be announced at 8 p.m. Sunday. Final results are expected in the night from Sunday to Monday.

Recent polls predicted FLO head Mahmoud Abbas would overwhelmingly win the election for Palestinian Authority president.

Palestinian officials said the vote would be the first in a series of elections for new officials, and on Saturday caretaker Palestinian Authority President Khatib Fattouh set July 17 as the date of long-delayed legislative elections. That vote had been expected to be held in May, but Fattouh said he changed the date so it would not interfere with school exams. The last legislative elections were held in 1996.

In an effort to facilitate a smooth presidential election Sunday, Israeli officials promised to ease restrictions at roadblocks and checkpoints and to stay out of Palestinian population centers.

Election observers that toured the region Saturday said freedom of movement had improved at many major roadblocks, but there were some new checkpoints in the northern West Bank that made passage through that area difficult.

"We're finding today a very inconsistent story," said Les Campbell, spokesman for the team of observers from the National Democratic Institute, an American organization.



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IN THE STATES

Nuclear submarine runs aground

20 USS San Francisco sailors injured in incident off Guam

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — A nuclear submarine ran aground about 350 miles south of Guam, injuring around 20 sailors, one of them critically, the Navy said.

There were no reports of damage to the USS San Francisco's reactor plant, which was operating normally, the Navy said.

The 360-foot submarine was headed back to its home port in Guam, and the Friday afternoon incident was under investigation, said Jon Yoshishige, a spokesman

for the Pacific Fleet based at Pearl Harbor.

He said there was no information yet on what the submarine struck.

Details on the sailors' injuries were not immediately available, but Yoshishige said an initial assessment put the number injured at around 20. The sub has a crew of 137, officials said.

Navy and Coast Guard aircraft from Guam were en route to monitor the submarine and assist if needed, the Navy said.

Guam is a U.S. territory about 3,700 miles southwest of Hawaii.



COURTESY OF THE U.S. NAVY/AP

The attack submarine USS San Francisco (SSN 711), escorted last June by harbor tugs, returns to Apra Harbor, Guam, after a five-month deployment. The San Francisco ran aground about 350 miles south of Guam, injuring 20 sailors, the Navy said Friday.

Winter weather hits again in West

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Another winter blast spread rain and heavy snow across California on Saturday as residents of waterlogged areas that were stripped by wildfires braced for flash flooding and mudslides.

As much as 6 feet of snow was possible during the week-end in the northern Sierra Nevada, delighting skiers, while homeowners rushed to pile sandbags in Southern California, where some neighborhoods below the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles received more than a half-inch of rain every hour.

"I used to love the rain," said Dallas Branscome of San Bernardino County's Devore area.

"Now, I dread all these storms."

In the East, heavy rain and snow that fell earlier in the week caused flooding along the Ohio River that was chasing some residents out of their homes in communities in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Meteorologists predicted the river would reach its highest level in nearly eight years at Louisville, Ky.

The stormy weather had caused widespread power outages in parts of Ohio, and utilities said about 100,000 homes and businesses remained without electricity on Saturday.

California's latest storm arrived Thursday and was expected to let up until Monday, the National Weather Service said.

The wild weather knocked out power for thousands of homes and businesses and blocked mountain roads. One person died in a sailboat smashed by wind and waves and two resort workers in the Sierra were found dead in a snow-covered car.

Senators oppose extending Guard, Reserve

The Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy says there would be any effort by the Pentagon to extend the time period for which National Guard and Reserve troops could be called into action.

Stretched thin by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army is considering a policy shift that could result in part-timers being called to active duty multiple times for up to two years each time.

The Army now has about 660,000 troops on active duty, of which about 160,000 are members of the Guard and Reserve.

Under a proposal raised by the Army last week, the Guard and Reserve would be eligible for an unlimited number of call-ups, so long as no single mobilization lasts more than 24 months.

Leahy and Sen. Kit Bond, who are co-chairmen of the Senate National Guard Caucus, said they would fight any such change.

"As a matter of national policy and as a matter of keeping faith with the men and women of our National Guard and Reserves, we find it unacceptable for the Army to revoke the limitation on the length of Guard and Reserve mobilizations," the two senators said in a statement. "This requirement was designed to protect our Guard and Reserve soldiers from being used as career soldiers on a permanent basis. Altering the two-year rule changes the very definition of our Reserve and Guard forces."

Under current policy, a Guard or Reserve mem-

ber is not to serve on active duty for more than 24 total months. Thus, for example, if a Guard or Reserve member were mobilized for six months after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and later for nine months in Afghanistan, then that person is off limits for duty in Iraq because a yearlong tour there would exceed the 24-month limit. A standard tour in Iraq, for both active-duty and reserves, is 12 months.

If the limit were set at 24 consecutive months, with some break between tours, then in theory a Guard or Reserve member could be mobilized for multiple 12- or 24-month tours in Iraq or elsewhere.

The National Guard, with about 350,000 members, and the 200,000-strong Reserve already are seeing signs of a slide in recruiting and retaining soldiers. Some may question whether a policy change that results in longer mobilizations could further erode the Guard and Reserve's ability to attract new soldiers and keep the ones it has.

"While our citizen-soldiers would dutifully answer such a call, the unexpected added risk, strain and imposition that this would force upon them, their families and their communities would break faith with all concerned," Leahy and Bond said.

"They have honored their obligations, and it is wrong for their government now to abruptly change the rules."



Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., above, and Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., issue a joint statement opposing a proposal to extend the time period National Guard and Reserve troops can be activated to 24 months.

Former Hillary Clinton aid indicted

WASHINGTON — The finance director for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's 2000 campaign is charged in a federal indictment with intentionally understating contributions for a Hollywood fund-raising gala for the senator.

The four-count indictment, unsealed Friday in Los Angeles, charged David Rosen with filing false reports with the Federal Election Commission.

The charges focus on an Aug. 12, 2000, dinner and concert supported by more than \$1.1 million in "in-kind contributions" — goods and services provided for free or below cost. The event was estimated to cost more than \$1.2 million.

Poll: Voters did little flip-flopping

WASHINGTON — An overwhelming majority of voters say they never changed their minds about whether they would support President Bush or Democratic candidate John Kerry, a poll found.

Only 16 percent of those who voted for Bush said there was a time when they thought they would vote for Kerry, according to the National Annenberg Election Survey. And 15 percent of Kerry voters said there was a time when they thought they would vote for Bush.

The Annenberg findings lend support to the decision by the campaigns to spend more time on base voters than going after the other candidate's voters, said Adam Clymer, director of the Annenberg survey.

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JFK's sister dead at 86

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While Rosemary Kennedy spent much of her life shielded from the public eye, her struggles with mental retardation inspired her sister to encourage millions of mentally disabled athletes to publicly celebrate their differences.

Kennedy, the oldest sister of President John F. Kennedy and the inspiration for the Special Olympics, died Friday. She was 86.

Kennedy, the third child of Rose and Joseph Kennedy, was born mentally retarded and un-

derwent a lobotomy when she was 23. She lived most of her life in a Jefferson, Wis., institution, the St. Croix School for Exceptional Children.

She died at Fort Atkinson Memorial Health Hospital in Wisconsin with her brother Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and her sisters by her side, the family said in a statement.

"Rosemary was a lifelong jewel to every member of our family," the statement said. "From her earliest years, her mental retardation was a continuing inspiration to each of us and a powerful source of our family's commitment to do all we can to help all

persons with disabilities live full and productive lives."

Rosemary Kennedy's condition became an inspiration to her younger sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who founded the Special Olympics for mentally disabled athletes, and in 1984 she took over her sister's care after their mother had a stroke.

Rosemary's retardation became public in 1960, just after her brother John was elected president.

The following year, Eunice revealed more about her sister's story in an article for The Saturday Evening Post.

Regan may have to testify about her affair with Kerik

BY RUSS BUETTNER

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Media titan Judith Regan could be forced to testify about illicit trysts she had with former top cop Bernard Kerik in a secret Battery Park City apartment.

The shocking development in a lawsuit against the city came about because the New York Daily News revealed last month that Kerik once carried on a simultaneous extramarital affair with Regan, who published his memoir, and another woman, Correction Officer Jeanette Pinerio.

As Kerik's nomination to be-

come homeland security czar imploded last month, The Daily News reported that he had separate liaisons with Regan and Pinerio at the apartment in the weeks after Sept. 11, 2001.

Just days before The Daily News story was published, Kerik and Pinerio had both testified that their romantic affair ended in late 1996, before Kerik met his current wife and while Pinerio was separated from her husband.

The timeline could prove crucial to allegations in the lawsuit. Eric DeKorvin III alleges that Kerik denied him a promotion in 1998 from the rank of assistant deputy warden because he had disciplined Pinerio.

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German fans throw bash for King's 70th birthday

BY MELISSA EDDY
The Associated Press

BAD NAUHEIM, Germany — German Elvis Presley fans, clad in jeans, jackets, hats and T-shirts bearing the name of the King, flocked to this spa town to celebrate his 70th birthday with a series of shows and events.

Organized by local authorities and the local Elvis Presley Association, the events marking his birthday on Saturday included a Las Vegas show, a gospel concert and walking tours of places the singer lived from October 1958 through February 1960 while stationed here as a soldier — his only residence outside the United States.

"His voice was magic; there was so much soul, so much heart in it," said Isolde Suettemeyer, a classical musician from Cologne.

Suettemeyer, now retired, was lucky enough to secure a room Friday in the art deco Gruenewald Hotel where Presley lived upon arriving in Germany.

Complaints from other residents that his rehearsing was disruptive eventually forced him to find his own house.

She was one of several fans who gathered Friday to walk in the footsteps of the man many Germans credit with bringing rock 'n' roll to Europe.



Presley

An exhibit at Germany's national museum, Haus der Geschichte, or History House, in the former West German capital of Bonn also commemorates the singer's unique role in the history of music here.

Included in the exhibit, which runs until Feb. 27, are countless artifacts gathered by Claus-Kurt Ilse, including a tape recorder and dozens of albums that Presley gave to him before returning to the United States.

Aniston, Pitt split, publicist confirms

BY JOHN ROGERS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston finally have made official what was rumored for months — Hollywood's A-List couple is splitting up.

"We would like to announce that after seven years together we have decided to formally separate," the couple said in a joint statement released Friday by Pitt's publicist, Cindy Guagenti.

"For those who follow these sorts of things, we would like to explain that our separation is not the result of any speculation reported by the tabloid media. This decision is the result of much thoughtful consideration."

The couple didn't indicate if they planned to divorce, and Guagenti declined to comment beyond the statement, which also said, "We happily remain committed and caring friends with great love and admiration for one another."

The separation comes 4 1/2 years after the pair's storybook wedding and after months of tabloid speculation that their marriage was in trouble.

In their statement, they asked for the public's "sensitivity in the coming months."

Pitt, 41, and Aniston, 35, have been together since being set up on a blind date in 1998. They were married in a lavish wedding on July 29, 2000, on a Malibu estate overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Some 200 people attended the



Brad Pitt, left, and his wife, Jennifer Aniston, arrive at the screening of his film "Troy" at the film festival in Cannes, France, on May 13. Pitt and Aniston have split. Pitt's longtime publicist confirmed Friday.

ceremony, which included four bands, a gospel choir, fireworks and tens of thousands of flowers.

Aniston is perhaps the most recognizable star of "Friends," the ensemble show that concluded a 10-year run last year as one of television's highest-rated comedies. She also has starred in such films as "Along Came Polly," "Bruce Almighty" and "The Good Girl." Her father is veteran soap opera actor John Aniston.

Pitt, long one of Hollywood's most bankable film stars, is currently seen in "Ocean's Twelve." Other film credits include "Ocean's Eleven," "Fight Club," "Meet Joe Black," "Seven Years in Tibet," "Sleepers," "12 Monkeys," "Legends of the Fall," "A River Runs Through It" and "Thelma & Louise."

Fox won't air Super Bowl spot with Mickey Rooney's bare bum

BY LYNN ELBER
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mickey Rooney's bare end zone won't be part of the Super Bowl advertising blitz, Fox TV said Friday.

The network rejected a cold remedy commercial that includes a brief shot of the 84-year-old actor's behind, said Fox Sports spokesman Lou D'Ermiolo.

"Our standards department reviewed the ad, and it was deemed inappropriate for broadcast television," he said.

The commercial for the over-the-counter product Airborne is set in a sauna and depicts Rooney panicking when someone coughs. His towel drops as he rushes out, revealing his rear.

Fox's decision wasn't affected by fallout from last year's Super Bowl halftime show on CBS, which included a flash of Janet Jackson's breast, D'Ermiolo said.

"Our standards and practices haven't changed," he said.

The Federal Communications Commission levied a \$550,000 fine against CBS parent company Viacom over the Jackson incident. Viacom is contesting the fine.



Airborne Inc. via AP

Actor Mickey Rooney appears in a commercial for over-the-counter cold remedy Airborne. Fox TV won't air the ad during the Super Bowl because it includes a brief shot of Rooney's nude behind. The commercial, set in a sauna, depicts the actor panicking when someone coughs. His towel drops as he rushes out, briefly revealing his rear.

Rooney, whose films include the Andy Hardy series and "National Velvet," said he was disappointed by Fox's move and hoped the network would reconsider.

"I would never do anything

that's in bad taste. ... I've been a family entertainer all my life," Rooney told The Associated Press.

"We're not selling sex, we're selling a health product."

Jackson's lawyers seek to close hearings

The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Adding to the extraordinary number of second-time Janet Jackson molestation cases, the singer's lawyers asked a judge Friday to close the courtroom for all pretrial hearings on what evidence will be allowed at her trial.

Jackson's attorneys asked that all pretrial hearings be held in the judge's chambers — including proceedings on the prosecution's request to present evidence that Jackson allegedly committed sex crimes over the years that went unchanged.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin Jan. 31.

Jackson's attorneys argued that hearing such mat-

ters in open court could prejudice the jury pool by allowing the prosecution to introduce "inflammatory and unfounded testimony regarding alleged prior sexual offenses."

The media coverage of this case is unprecedented, and it is certain that anything said in open court will be broadcast to any of the already summoned potential jurors," the lawyers wrote.

Theodore Boutros, who represents a coalition of media organizations including The Associated Press, said he would oppose the request.

"The standards for closing hearings are extremely high, and they clearly haven't met it," Boutros said.

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Basketball legend invests in Vegas

Michael Jordan has teamed up with Diversified Real Estate Concepts Inc. of Chicago to build a \$600 million luxury condominium-hotel resort off the Las Vegas Strip, company owner Michael Peterson announced Thursday.



Jordan

The 825-unit development will be located on a six-acre site about a half block east of the Bellagio and Caesars Palace resorts.

The project, dubbed Aqua Blue, includes a casino, spa, rooftop nightclub, two Michael Jordan restaurants and a 65,000-square-foot Michael Jordan Athletic Center, the first of its kind.

"I'm pleased to be expanding my group of restaurants into Las Vegas, which has become one of the country's top dining destinations," Jordan said in a statement.

Sen. McCain performs civic duty

Call him Citizen McCain.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., spent Thursday in Phoenix Municipal Court awaiting possible jury duty and fielding questions from other potential jurors. Asked what he was doing there, he responded, "I'm a citizen."

His congressional schedule kept him from serving jury duty until this week.

"Since a lot of citizens inconvenience themselves to serve, there's no reason for me not to inconvenience myself. You meet nice people, too," he said.

He spent the morning reading newspapers and fielding occasional questions in the jury assembly room but was called into a courtroom in the afternoon to be considered for a DUI case.

McCain did not make the jury.



McCain

Late punk rocker to get mainstream honor

Late punk guitarist Johnny Ramone is being immortalized with a bronze statue at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

Ramone, co-founder and guitarist of The Ramones, was 55 when he died of prostate cancer on Sept. 15, 2004, at his Los Angeles home.



Ramone

The statue is near the grave of bandmate Dee Dee Ramone, who died of a drug overdose in 2002.

The Johnny Ramone monument, created by artist Wayne Toth, shows Ramone playing his Mosrite guitar and it features the words, "If a man can judge success by how many great friends he has, then I have been very successful — Johnny Ramone."

Ramone's widow, Linda, will unveil the statue Jan. 14 during a two-hour afternoon public ceremony featuring testimonials from friends. Johnny Ramone was cremated and his wife has the ashes, spokesman Jason Padgett said Thursday.

'Real World' to stick around

MTV has renewed "The Real World" for five more seasons, which means the reality TV show will stay on the air until at least 2008.

"The Real World," now airing its 15th outing in Philadelphia, brings together seven strangers between the ages of 18 and 24 to live in a swanky loft or house and films them around the clock, at home and on the town.

Hong Kong stars help tsunami victims

Chow Yun-Fat, star of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and "Anna and the King," is helping raise funds for tsunami survivors in South Asia by auctioning off a photograph he took.

The minimum price for the signed black-and-white picture of a branch laden with what appears to be tomatoes was set at \$3,600, the Apple Daily newspaper, the auction organizer, reported Thursday.

Other Hong Kong celebrities donating items to the online auction include "Kung Fu Hustle" star Stephen Chow, Leon Lai, Aaron Kwok, Tony Leung and Cecilia Cheung.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Playing the 'ultimate horror'

Kevin Bacon gathered his friends to star in "The Woodsman," a film about a child molester who returns home after serving time in prison.

KRT photos

Kevin Bacon abandons 'cute' movies and parlor games for controversial role as a pedophile in 'The Woodsman'

BY CELIA MCGEE
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Kevin Bacon's part in "The Woodsman" — as a tensely quiet child molester returned home after 12 years in prison — may be the roughest of his career. But it still doesn't explain the deep cut on his forehead.

"I was playing a concert at the Democratic National Convention," he says, while fronting the Bacon Brothers band with brother Michael.

"I hit myself with my guitar. Stupid. Then it opened up again the other day when a pot in the kitchen fell on me." The scene of domestic pugilist was Central Park West, where Bacon lives with wife Kyra Sedgwick and their two children. But there's no trace of an attempt to cover up the red gash.

Bacon's decision to take on the controversial role was just as raw and deep.

"Of course I had reservations, but not in the way people would expect," he says. "It's a little too late for me to worry about staying 'hot' or 'cute.'"

Bacon and his wife, actress Kyra Sedgwick, both star in "The Woodsman."

Bacon is 46, with "Diner" and the bootylicious "Footloose" 20 years in the past. The "Sex De-grees"



parlor game named for him, let's face it, is getting a little old. Darker, more troubling movies like last year's "Mystic River" are more typical recent fare.

"It was more about whether I would be able to pull this off, and whether" — since he had also signed on as executive producer — "we'd be able to get distribution."

"I had an emotional investment, too. Here I'd said to friends" — Benjamin Bratt, Moss Def and Sedgwick, for instance — "come on down and work for no money on a movie about this particular subject."

"After 'Mystic River,' the last thing I was looking for was another one in which bad things happen to children." His next project, for that matter, "Loverboy," which he also directs, deals with unhealthy family affairs.

Child abuse, he states baldly, "is the ultimate horror." He couldn't feel sympathy for the seething parolee Walter. He aimed for unsanitized insight instead.

"All I wanted," says Bacon, "was this guy to be a real person, not some movie convention of a sex offender. Walter is extremely unspecial, except for this special problem."

Walter is also almost aggressively taciturn. The harrowing events of his life — those he causes and the ones inflicted on him — have to flicker wordlessly across Bacon's face.

Bacon's sinking realization was that "this is a man in total denial. He sees himself as the victim, not the other way around."

"But his (pedophilia) is a chronic disease, like alcoholism, and part of his self-discovery is coming to terms with that, that he'll always have to struggle against his sickness."

"The revelation to me is how widespread this problem is, and that it's never going away. My job as an actor was to take all that shame and put it inside, and hope it comes out in my performance."

To deal with Walter's demons, Bacon concedes he had to face his own, as an actor, as a person "living with all this violence in the world," as a parent, as a spouse. "We all have them," he says.

"Fear, anger, darkness, paranoia, extreme sexual urges. You have to live according to your own morality."

The hope is that airing "The Woodsman's" troubling subject matter may "start a dialogue," he says.

"Maybe people will sit down with their kids and talk about it, or if they see someone in their family or community they feel may be leaning that way, they may confront them or take other steps."

One positive response came from an unexpected quarter: The movie was shot in Philadelphia, where Bacon grew up in a liberal, bohemian family closely involved with the city's civic life and social welfare.

"I hadn't really been back since I left home at 17," he says. "I was worried about the subject. Philadelphia's a city of many very religious communities. But everyone was welcoming. They called me Kev, and kept bringing me food — which is what it's all about in Philly."

He guesses it was also because "there was nothing gratuitous in the movie, nothing sensationalized."

Just a wound out in the open now, and Kevin Bacon trying to find a means for healing it.

YOUR MONEY

Safe path to opening e-mail

Q. I am running Windows XP and use Outlook Express for e-mail.

Although I never open e-mail I don't recognize, I discovered that I can view e-mails and all information by right-clicking on the e-mail and selecting Properties. The e-mail header remains selected as though it has not been opened.

Is my computer being exposed to viruses by viewing e-mails this way? — Marty Phillips @cox.net

A. Your inquiry serves to either clear up or increase a lot of confusion over handling possibly dangerous e-mail messages in Outlook Express, Mr. P. The last time this column took up the murky issue of avoiding attacks by way of e-mail messages, I added to the heat rather than shedding light by approaching the subject a bit backwards.

People worry — as they should — that some kind of booby trap may be tucked away in these rich-content e-mails. When I approached it from the other side — by allowing these things to be displayed — a lot of folks got confused.

Whether you love them or hate them, Outlook Express uses the same settings to toggle e-mail attachments and other rich content on or off. Most of these settings are reached by clicking on Tools and then Options in the OE display. Look for the tabs for Read and Security. A number of check boxes there let you force all messages to come in as text-only and to block all incoming graphics and other embellishments that conceivably carry viruses like the notorious "Clicker."

You check and uncheck boxes based on your estimation of the risk.

Since one can always go back and change these settings by adding or removing check marks, it's safe enough to experiment a bit to see what fits best for you.

And what a better way to feel things out than to use that little trick you mention where one right-clicks on a message in the Outlook Express display and then selects Properties.

In OE 6.0, this brings up a pair of windows. The first, called General, shows all the information about sending times, addresses and routings. There

also is a box marked Details that brings up a Message Source button that strips all of the hot links and other stuff, making it safe to open even nasty booby-trapped stuff.

You can even paint this harmless text and copy it into a word processor to get all the words and none of the workery. It's an excellent suggestion, Mr. F., and I thank you as I am sure will many readers.

Q. This is driving me crazy. I have the NASA Web site as my home page, and like to save the great pictures of stars and galaxies as my desktop wallpaper. When I use Netscape 4.7 as my browser, I could browse the JPEG files from Web Wallpaper and save them on the Control Panel drop-down list of wallpaper choices, and see the preview before applying the file.

Now I'm using Netscape 7.0. When I try to perform these maneuvers, the file appears on the drop-down menu as a bitmap file opened with MS Paint, does not appear as a preview, and doesn't save in the drop-down menu. Any suggestions? — Mariss McCutcher, Dixon, Mont.

A. The culprit usually is a bit of code designed to turn animations of Web sites when browsers act like yours. Whether the browser is Netscape or Microsoft Internet Explorer or some other flavor, the bit of bad code will suddenly force the browser to insist that every picture file opens in the bulky BMP format instead of its actual format.

In the latest Netscape versions, clear out the cache of Web pages along with the trouble-causing animations they seem to include. To do this click on Edit and then Preferences in the drop-down menu. Select the Advanced category and you will find a Cache heading.

A second thing to check with Netscape is that the browser is set to access all formats of pictures. This setting is under the Privacy and Security heading on that same Preferences screen. Open Privacy and Security and click on the Images choice. There select the Accept All Images box.

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Not in it for the money



AP

Retired Wiedersanders of IBM and other volunteers prepare computers for shipment to Thailand last week in Eagan, Minn. IBM and several Minnesota companies have teamed up to send 1,000 specially equipped laptop computers to Thailand to help identify tsunami victims. The volunteer effort included Eagan Prairie software developer Rex Wiedersander, Anderson Cargo Services of Eagan, Northwest Airlines Inc., IBM and other equipment makers on both coasts.

FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES					
High	Low	Open	Last	Net Chg	% YTD
10,868.18	9,766.40	Dow Jones Industrial	10,622.95	-18.57	-0.17
3,823.96	2,743.46	Dow Jones Transportation	3,636.78	-38.34	-1.01
322.79	259.88	Dow Jones Utilities	254.68	-1.26	-0.49
7,273.18	6,211.33	NYSE Composite	7,057.51	-19.43	-0.27
1,320.49	1,138.74	AMEX	1,129.49	-44.52	-3.91
2,191.69	1,758.82	NASDAQ Composite	2,068.61	-1.39	-0.07
12,517.90	10,662.72	S&P 500	11,836.19	-1.70	-0.01
666.99	548.29	S&P MidCap	614.72	-3.28	-0.53
11,511.51	9,539.99	Russell 2000	9,613.21	-6.91	-0.07
12,024.36	10,248.52	DJ Wilshire 5000	11,648.89	-11.1	-0.09

NYSE			AMEX			NASDAQ		
Most Active	Vol	(% Chg)	Most Active	Vol	(% Chg)	Most Active	Vol	(% Chg)
IBM	1,244,418	-0.08	Microsoft	1,098,000	-0.10	Microsoft	1,098,000	-0.10
Apple	242,000	-0.10	Oracle	420,000	-0.10	Oracle	420,000	-0.10
Microsoft	1,244,418	-0.08	IBM	1,244,418	-0.08	IBM	1,244,418	-0.08
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Microsoft	1,244,418	-0.08	IBM	1,244,418	-0.08	IBM	1,244,418	-0.08

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS			KEY MUTUAL FUNDS		
Name	Vol	YTD	Name	Vol	YTD
Boeing	1,000	15.00	Fidelity Divd Growth	37.66	-0.13
Lockheed Martin	1,000	15.00	Fidelity Divd Growth	37.66	-0.13
Raytheon	1,000	15.00	Fidelity Divd Growth	37.66	-0.13
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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Jan. 10)	102.00
South Korean won (Jan. 8)	1,031.00
Euro costs (Jan. 10)	\$1.3569
Dollar buys (Jan. 10)	€0.737
British pound (Jan. 10)	\$1.93
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.8688
Canada (Dollar)	1.2323
Denmark (Krone)	5.6248
Egypt (Pound)	6.0702
Euro	\$1.305/0.7663
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7915
Hungary (Forint)	188.75

MONDAY EVENING / JANUARY 10, 2005

MOVIES

• SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	APN Evening News	60 Minutes (CC)	Without a Trace Top 50 A former who heroically saved two comrades vanishes later that same day. (CC)	24 Day 2: 9:00AM - 10:00AM Tony must choose between his wife and protecting his child. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)			
7	AFN-AT	(5:46) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	(3:55) Guiding Light (CC)	(1:17) General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			Alduin 'My Fair Aladdin'	ChalZone Tuffy Glaciar, backpack.	
8	NEWS	•Bulls Women's College Basketball North Carolina at Kentucky. (Taped)	•SportsCenter	•NFL Football AFC Wildcard - Teams TBA. (Taped)								
9	SPTS	The Simpsons Vixen at the nuclear power plant. (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond: Storing rivalry. (CC)	The Dead Zone "Finding Rachel" John investigates the disappearance of a young woman. (CC)	Law & Order "Under Goff" A vigilante arrest results in a drug bust. In prison.	American Hot Rod The Hi-boy's black paint contrasts with its red and white interior.	Friends Monica leaves a secret from her parents. (CC)	Seinfeld Elaine's cleavage on Christmas card.	Seinfeld Jerry is asked to visit a sick fan. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)		
10	AFN-AM	SpongeBob	Rugrats (CC)	Lizzie McGuire	Taina	Smallville (CC)	Boy Meets World	Boy Meets World	The Coolest Show	Home Improvements	Seinfeld Jerry is asked to visit a sick fan. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
11	AFM	Entertainment Tonight (CC)	••• "Along Came a Spider" (2001) Megan Williams, Monica Potter.	••• "The Hour" (2002) Drama! Mary Steenburgen, Julianne Moore, Nicole Kidman. Three women in different eras suffer emotional crises. PG-13 (CC)	••• "Signs" (2002) Somer Field, Jason Fries. Transformation of a woman Wilson into a great American President. (Part 1 of 2) (CC) (DVS)	••• "What's Cooking?" (2000) Comedies! Patricia Richardson, Joan Chen. Four diverse families enjoy a slice of life at Thanksgiving. PG-13 (CC)	••• "Nick of Time" (1998) (2003) Biography! Charlize Theron, Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)
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26	A&E	City Confidential A beautiful reporter is ambushed by a mysterious assailant. (CC)	••• "Tombs of Terror" (1993) Western! Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday battle the Canton gang. (CC)	••• "Tombs of Terror" (1993) Western! Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday battle the Canton gang. (CC)	Antiques Roadshow An ivory and diamond ring with a portrait of Charles I. (Part 3 of 3) (CC) (DVS)	American Experience "Woodrow Wilson" Woodrow Wilson into a great American President. (Part 1 of 2) (CC) (DVS)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)	••• "The Hot Chick" (2002) Comedy! Christina Ricci, Bruce Dern. Alen Williams his seven men and lands on death row. (CC)
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28	TFC	Game Ka Na Ba Star	Star Circle Guest	Tanging Ili	(3:55) Insider	The Correspondents	Kumaling Kabuhay	Morning Star	(4:40) Masayang Tanghal Bayan			
30	CNN+	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition	CNN Daybreak									
31	GOLF	••• 4-30 European PGA Golf Classics Masters - Final Round.	••• Golf Central	••• Golf Channel Young Academy	••• Golf Channel Young Academy	••• Golf Channel Young Academy	••• Golf Channel Young Academy	••• Golf Channel Young Academy	••• Golf Channel Young Academy	••• Golf Channel Young Academy	••• Golf Channel Young Academy	••• Golf Channel Young Academy
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34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Codename: Kids Next Door	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad
35	ANPL	Amazing Animal Videos Deer and bird rescues. (CC)	••• 10 Years Younger	••• 10 Years Younger	••• 10 Years Younger	••• 10 Years Younger	••• 10 Years Younger	••• 10 Years Younger	••• 10 Years Younger	••• 10 Years Younger	••• 10 Years Younger	••• 10 Years Younger
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44	COURT	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue
45	STR-WL	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons
50	LIFE	No Regrets (2004, Drama) James Turre, Brad Johnson, Lari White. A director makes a movie about two women in his life. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)
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53	HIST	Heil: The Devil's Domain Pre-biblical concept of a negative afterlife; Satan in art and literature; affiliate in major religions; recovered memories; Church of Satan. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)	••• "The World is Not Enough" (1999, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, James Bond must protect a murdered industrialist's daughter. (CC)
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Morning
10:00 Hokkaido Marathon (6)
10:30 Japan Senior High School Soccer: Final Preview (4)
12:00 Paris-Dakar Rally (12)
1:30 Japan Men's Baseball Championship: Final (3)
1:55 Japan Senior High School Soccer: Final Preview (4)
2:00 Japan Senior High School Soccer: Final (4)
3:25 2005 NBC Cup Ski Jump (6)
3:50 Japan Senior High School Soccer Highlights (4)
4:00 Japan Senior High School Soccer Highlights (4)
Evening
6:00 News (1)
10:00 News (1)
10:05 News (1)
12:05 Grand Sumo Digest (1)
1:25 Paris-Tour MerceDES Championships - Final Round (1)

2:58 Star Trek: DS9 (8)
4:00 Grand Sumo Digest (1/3)

JAPAN TV-B57

Morning
6:10-2005 Japan Kyojo Cup International Judo Tournament (1)
9:10 World News Hour
9:15 World News Hour
9:20 World News Hour
9:25 World News Hour
9:30 CNN News
9:35 CNN News
Evening
6:00 News (1)
9:10 History of Africa (4/4)
9:15 US Documentary Series: Global Warming (1)
11:10 NFL St. Louis Rams vs. Seattle Seahawks

1:35 Grand Sumo Digest
2:00 World News Hour
3:20 World Amazing Sports
4:10 Asian News
4:30 Railway Adventures Across Asia
5:15 World News Hour

JAPAN TV-B511

Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Steven Isserlis (Concerto)
10:10 Grand Sumo Tournament, 2nd Day (bilingual after 3:50 PM.)
Evening
7:00 NHK News
7:05 NHK Symphony Orchestra Concert
10:00 TV Series: ER IX
12:00 Movie Director Terry Gilliam
12:58 U.S. Movie (1991): The Fisher King (2/2)

MTV

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6:00 Wake up
6:30 MTV News
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Keeping curfew in context

While reflecting on all I have to be thankful for on Christmas morning, I reach for my Stars and Stripes. Flipping the pages immediately to Page 4 of the Dec. 24 issue to take a moment of silence for the 22 members of the peacekeeping team killed in Mosul, Iraq, I continue to read the pages most interesting to me, including the ones that contain Annie's Mailbox and Dear Abby and the funnies (wondering exactly how Beetle Bailey and Garfield started their day). Thinking my morning commute with my understanding of the world in review, the paper fell open to Letters to the Editor page, where, to my astonishment, the morning's previous readings were all combined in the letter "Curfew just a morality move."

"Lift the curfew in South Korea," seemed to be letter writer Scott Smith's bottom line. He takes his assumptions about current policies and procedures, putting blame at some religious fundamentalist in charge and pushing morality as the main issue. I do not speak for the commander of U.S. Forces Korea, but I believe indignation and the commitment leaders to the soldiers' welfare are primary reasons for our curfew. Our soldiers also understand the curfew in part pertaining to making South Korea a hardship tour.

My commander recently received a gift of stamps from an 84-year-old lady in Virginia through the United Service Organizations. He was very appreciative of the gesture, and my commander informing her that we were not in Iraq or Afghanistan but forward deployed in South Korea, the loving support replied with much thanks for all of our soldiers' service. She also seemed to be fully aware of the harms our soldiers face daily on this peninsula. It is amazing that an 84-year-old grandmother realizes that a 30-year veteran of federal service doesn't.

There are many reasons we have a curfew, and understanding that are forward deployed, and ready to "fight to night," is the largest. Our commanders support us with many opportunities to enjoy the magnificent culture South Korea has to offer, and for some soldiers, the liberty to socially converse and import and export spirits if they wish. Shutting down clubs at a reasonable time and accounting for our force is necessary. As a leader, I know that our investment in our combat team members is secured daily, and that they are safe. Our soldiers are experts and professionals; they stand ready to deploy, engage and destroy the enemy on the orders of States of America in close combat, at a moment's notice.

Mr. Smith, thank you for your 30 years of service to our country, and enjoy retirement. By the way, as you've undoubtedly kept the Dec. 24 issue of Stripes, turn to Page 15. Take note of how, not so long ago, a brilliant officer crossed the icy Delaware River with battle-weary soldiers to defeat the Hessians at Trenton, where some were rumored to be hung over, and not at their posts.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Greg B. Bunce
South Korea

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An alternative to phone cards

I have met many people who spend an enormous amount of money on international phone cards and I would like to impart a better way to phone home: VOIP, or Voice Over Internet Protocol.

If you are an old Internet user like myself, you scoff at the use, but I found out the quality is, in my opinion, much better than cell phones with little or no lag. There are many VOIP companies one can purchase from, just use a stateside company. I have stateside telephone number (city of choice), toll-free, caller ID, and most of the other normal phone "extras" here in South Korea. The cost is really minimal; some companies advertise their products as low as \$20 a month.

One note: You need a high-speed connection such as DSL, the company's VOIP adapter, a router and a phone to get it to work (no computer).

Maybe an industrious command will set up a free stateside calling in rooms. And, hopefully our exchanges will sell this product soon.

Peter Newport
Taegu, South Korea

Airport workers a gossend

I would like to write a thank you to the employees of the Naha Airport on Okinawa for their thoughtfulness in July when I was on a flight to the United States to see my mom, who was suffering from cancer.

I was traveling alone with three small children when I boarded the plane in Naha. What I didn't realize was that I had left a manila envelope in the airport that contained all our passports, my dollars and yen, all forms of my ID, my credit card, phone cards and emergency numbers. My whole life was in that envelope. I was so wrapped up in the kids that I didn't notice as our plane started the taxi out to the runway.

We were in line to take off when a mes-

sage came over the speaker in Japanese. The plane turned around and when the flight attendant spoke in English it was like that a passenger left a very valuable item behind. We went back to the airport where something was brought out to the plane. It was my manila envelope. I am so thankful — as they could have thrown it away without looking inside, or even decided to send it on a later plane. They didn't have to turn the plane around for one person.

In the end, that single decision made it possible for me to see my dad alive for the last time. I still cry my heart out for it, but if I'd been delayed, even the slightest, I would not have made it, as she passed away 12 hours after I arrived home, the day after her 27th wedding anniversary to my dad.

To the airport employees: Thank you for your kindness to an American; it is extremely appreciated.

Margaret Bouck
Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

All over AAFES's gas prices

It appears that the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is not following the policy it set forth for fuel pricing on Okinawa. In the price went up to \$2 per gallon. In an article in the Sept. 19 edition of Stripes, the following information was printed: "The Army and Air Force Exchange Service announced Friday that, beginning Oct. 1, it will adjust gas prices monthly based on the Department of Energy's four-week averages at pumps in the United States." OK. I can handle this, even though I hear AAFES is paying \$16 per gallon for the fuel and we don't pay 21 percent taxes on the fuel as the national average actually is.

When the prices increased this time, I decided to do a bit of research. First, I found the Department of Energy Web site and found both the average for the past five weeks and the past four weeks for U.S. gasoline prices. In all fairness to AAFES, I used the highest estimates, which were for U.S. All Grades Reformulated Gasoline Prices (C/gal). The five-week average was \$1.9978, very close to the \$2 AAFES is charging. So I decided to do the four-week average as well. Again the reformulated average was the highest, but this time the average was \$1.9775. So where is AAFES getting the extra two cents for the gasoline?

Some people may say this is only 2 cents per gallon. They would be exactly right, but the change in the prices we are paying that much. The fact of the matter is, AAFES decided on their policy, but it seems that, as fuel prices are decreasing, AAFES is using its own computational statistics to get the most from us.

Maybe it was a calculation error on AAFES part. Will it now be corrected? I am betting it won't.

My DOE price came from this Web site: www.eia.doe.gov/gas/petroleum/data_publications/wrpg/mogas_home_page.html

Tech. Sgt. William R. Buchanan
Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

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OPINION

Revised as 'infidels,' yet to the rescue again

The contrast could not have been clearer. The day President Bush recruited former Presidents Bill Clinton and G.W. Bush to generate tsunami-relief donations

private

Deroy Murdock



South Asian recovery unfolds, American public diplomacy should highlight this comparison to Muslims worldwide.

Countless Muslims were battered on "Black Sunday." Indonesia, Earth's most populous Islamic nation, was lashed hardest with 94,200 fatalities by Wednesday. Sri Lanka and India, both with significant Muslim minorities, have lost 30,240 and 9,675 people, respectively, so far. Largely spared on Dec. 26, an increasingly violent Muslim citizenry lives in southern Thailand, a country that has lost 5,288. Astonishingly, in Somalia and Tanzania, five to 10 hours northwest of the massive Indonesian earthquake that triggered this emergency — the tsunami respectively killed 20 and 10 among their largely Muslim populations.

These and other nations have begun to see America's \$350 million in government relief. At only \$190 million in private assistance in route, from 10 of the nation's corporate contributors to double-digit sums gleaned from piggy banks and church collection plates.

At an estimated \$4 million daily, the Penta-

gon has mobilized its largest Asian military operation since Saigon fell to communism (www.pacom.mil). By the middle of last week, 13,455 GIs had used 21 vessels, 41 air-planes and 50 helicopters to deliver 305 tons of supplies. U.S. warships desalinate water for the parched. There is much more help on the way.

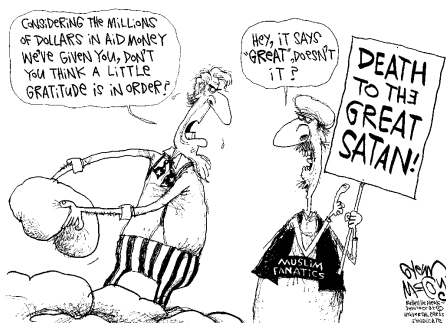
All this from a nation that our Islamo-fascist enemies claim is committed to vanquish their Muslim brethren.

America and the civilized world, the "infidels" in Islamo-fascism's crosshairs, are locked in a death match with this toxic ideology and its enthusiasts. Winning this struggle involves swaying rank-and-file Muslims around the world, many of whom call South Asia home. They and their Middle Eastern peers have eyes and ears attached to their hearts and minds. American press officers at embassies in Muslim countries should communicate this ongoing story via the Voice of America, local media outlets, public appearances, conversations with pedestrians on the Arab street, and even advertising, where available.

They also should observe that this matches America's record of aiding at-risk Muslims. The United States saved Muslims in Bosnia and Kosovo, for instance, and donated \$2.5 billion in development assistance to the Middle East and Northern Africa in 2003 alone, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Supply boxes and food sacks should be emblazoned with American flags. GIs who distribute that assistance should wear Old Glory on their uniforms. Private-sector American volunteers who ship and offer T-shirts that identify them as U.S. ambassadors of good will.

We also should compare our generosity to the silence and stinginess of our foes. To date, bin Laden has yet to offer a public word of sympathy regarding the hundreds of thousands of Muslims this calamity has killed, maimed and dispossessed. The recu-



sive billionaire apparently has shared none of his wealth with the Muslims he claims to cherish.

He has not even publicly invited fellow Muslims to open their wallets to aid those in, say, Banda Aceh, the largely Islamic Sumatran city erased like a misspelled word 20 minutes after a 9-magnitude earthquake as ferocious as 10,000 Nagasakis.

While \$350 million in government help now makes America the fourth-largest donor-nation (behind Australia's \$810 million, Germany's \$680 million, and Japan's \$500 million), no Muslim country rated among the top 10 benefactors. Before pledging \$30 million Tuesday, 19th-ranked Saudi Arabia offered just \$10 million. Sandra Bullock, an actress bereft of mineral resources,

somehow gave the Red Cross \$1 million (www.redcross.org).

Meanwhile, legislator Walid Tabtabai wrote in Kuwait's Al Watan daily that the deadly waves were "a test for believers and punishment for the unjust." Radical Islamic commentator Abu Ziyad called this catastrophe "a warning from Allah" to those who "delay and neglect prayers ... indulge in free mixing ... and listen to music and songs."

America leads this massive mission of mercy because it is the right thing to do. That it benefits many Muslims who Islamo-fascists hope to infuse with hate is even more reason for us to show them our love.

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Fad diets help you lose 5, but they're far from fab

BY MICHAEL FUMENTO

Scripps Howard

This month millions of Americans made a New Year's resolution to lose weight. By this week, many will be falling off the wagon. They will continue to be part of a national tragedy in which 65 percent of Americans are overweight or obese. Medical studies rarely show what works — just what doesn't.

Thus a report in the Jan. 4 *Annals of Internal Medicine* was slightly more helpful than the one evaluating 10 of the nation's most popular weight-loss programs. It found that for nine there was either no evidence that they worked or, indeed, evidence that they didn't. One lonely plan, however, *Weight Watchers*, was somewhat effective.

Yet even the *Weight Watchers* results were hardly spectacular. In the single study worth evaluating, members lost only 5 percent of their initial weight (around 10 pounds) and kept about half that off for at least two years.

So where does a heavy-weighter turn? Approved weight-loss drugs are just better than nothing, though one that may be available next year, *Acomplia*, will be the best yet judging by tests so far.

Fad diets still don't work. It appears even the low-carb craze — sparked by a July 2002 *New York Times* Magazine article by Gary Taubes that was essentially an advertorial for *Atkins* — is dying. According to the research firm NPD Group, the percent of Americans following low-carb diets such as *Atkins*, *South Beach* and *The Zone* fell by half just from last January to September. *Atkins* Nutritionals began laying off 40 percent of its employees in September.

The medical literature shows why. Short-term studies seem to vindicate *Atkins*. But representative of longer ones is that which just appeared in the Jan. 5 *Journal of the American Medical Association*. It found that half of the *Atkins* dieters couldn't stick with the program for a year. Among those who did, although their beginning average weight was a morbidly obese 200 pounds, their loss at six months was 13 pounds and six months later it was eight pounds.

People like fat diets because they promise a free lunch, at least as far as calories are concerned. How else to explain the incredible success of diet books from gurus who are (or were when they died) fat themselves, in-

cluding *Atkins*, Andrew Weil and "Dr. Phil" McGraw? Taking weight-loss advice from these fat cats is like receiving religious tolerance lessons from Osama bin Laden.

This year, why not resolve to try a new tack? Instead of putting so much emphasis on input, try putting more on output. Consider information collected from the National Weight Control Registry, a group of about 4,000 people who lost an average of 60 pounds and kept off at least 30 pounds for more than six years. They do limit their calories to about 1,800 a day, but more than 90 percent also regularly exercise.

More weight-loss specialists also seem to be realizing the advantages of resistance exercise — free weights or machines with steel

plates, rubber bands, or bendable plastic rods. With aerobic exercise, you burn calories while doing it. But with resistance training you build muscle tissue that revs up your metabolism so you burn more calories 24/7. I attribute most of my 35-pound weight loss (maintained for seven years) to *Bowflex*, though I also bike ride and watch what I eat.

Having begun with words of discouragement, I conclude with this optimistic note: No matter how often you've failed to lose weight, there is no law — physical or otherwise — saying you'll fail this time. If you fall off the wagon, dust yourself off and get back on.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Too much MTV?

WA LAKE STEVENS — Someone in the Census Bureau may be watching a little too much MTV.

Bevis Lake, a 5.7-acre body of water in a forested area about 25 miles northeast of Seattle, is now appearing in Bureau records with a different name: Butthead Lake.

Those two names — Bevis and Butthead — are almost identical to the 1990s MTV cartoon show "Beavis and Butt-head," which featured a pair of slacker teenagers who watch music videos and make bad jokes.

Someone at the Census Bureau must have gotten bored and made a joke out of naming the lake, said Ken Brown, a land surveyor with the state Department of Natural Resources.

It's not unusual for small lakes in all of the way places to have different names because of variations in county, state or other official records, but there are no such indications in this case, Brown said.

Shrine can stay

MA PEPPERELL — A judge has ruled that a man can keep the illuminated, three-story shrine in his backyard that he says he was instructed to build by the Virgin Mary.

In this rural town on the Massachusetts-New Hampshire border ordered Noel Dube, 85, to remove the shrine in 1999, saying he didn't have the proper permits. Neighbors had complained about its size and the thousands of visitors it attracted annually.

Instead, Dube expanded it, adding a 30-foot painting of Jesus and a 24-foot illuminated cross to an existing 20-foot mural of Our Lady of Fatima.

Last week, Middlesex Superior Court Judge Kenneth Fishman ruled that the shrine can stay.

Southern speaking

NC RALEIGH — A television documentary debuting this week examines the dialects and language of North Carolina, from the "hot toide" of Cherokee Island residents to Cherokee elders who converse in their native language.

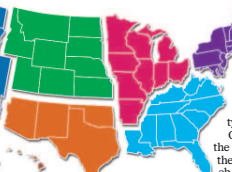
In addition to examining the different dialects, the UNC-TV documentary "Voices of North Carolina" also explores what they mean to people's identity. The film is a companion to "Do You Speak American?" a documentary about this country's speech that aired nationwide this week on PBS.

Wolf watch in north

ID COEUR D'ALENE — Wolf sightings are increasing across northern Idaho and the governor is expected to ask the federal government for statewide control of the wolf population, Idaho Fish and Game Director Steve Huffaker said.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton announced this week a new rule giving Idaho and Montana more authority to manage wolves inside a federally designated recovery area. But more wolf sightings are being reported north of Interstate 90, outside of the recovery area.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is expected to send a letter to Washington, D.C., later this week asking for



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statewide control, Huffaker said.

Mistrial for doctor

OH NORWALK — A judge declared a mistrial in a medical negligence case against a physician after the doctor came to the aid of a juror who passed out during opening statements.

The defendant, Dr. Joseph Carver, told the 74-year-old juror Wednesday that it appeared he had a heart flutter that momentarily prevented oxygen from getting to his brain and caused the blackout.

The juror was taken to a hospital for tests.

No new trial date has been set. Carver, an obstetrician and gynecologist, is being sued for \$3 million by a couple who say their newborn daughter was dropped on the floor of a delivery room in 2000 while under Carver's care.

Fake cop shoots man

NY FRANKLIN SQUARE — The manager of a Long Island bank was shot dead as he drove home from work by a man posing as a police officer, authorities said.

James Gottlieb, 49, was driving on Sention Boulevard in Franklin Square at about 7 p.m. Wednesday when a black SUV with flashing lights pulled him over, Nassau

County police said.

When he got out of his car, Gottlieb was confronted by a man who claimed to be a police officer and ordered him to get on the ground, said Detective Sgt. Dennis Barry, of the Nassau County Police Homicide Squad.

Gottlieb demanded to see the man's identification, and the two began to argue. Gottlieb started walking toward the front door of a nearby house, and the man posing as a police officer fired three shots, striking Gottlieb in the arm and leg, police said. He died at Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre at 8:14 p.m.

The gunman fled the scene and there were no arrests.

Defendant bites bailiff

TX FORT WORTH — A defendant flew into a rage in a Fort Worth courtroom and bit a bailiff after a judge announced he had been found guilty of indecency with a child Wednesday, witnesses said.

Before biting the bailiff, Lonnie B. Howard threw a water pitcher across the courtroom.

"We think he was trying to hit the victim's family," Terry Grisham of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office told KDFW television station in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Howard then lunged at the family, biting the face of one of the bailiffs who tried to restrain him. Officials say he will be charged with aggravated assault on an officer.

Oil spill in tunnel

VA HAMPTON — A tractor-trailer lost its fuel tank while heading westbound through the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel on Monday night, spilling more than 100 gallons of diesel fuel and closing the tunnel to traffic for nearly two hours.

The incident happened at 7:42 p.m., spokeswoman Tiffany Elliott of the Virginia Department of Transportation said. It did not involve any other vehicles and no one was injured, she said, but specifics about how the fuel tank came loose were unclear.

"It seems as though it just dropped off the truck," Elliott said. The amount of fuel in the tank also was not immediately clear, but Elliott said there were indications the tank was full, holding as many as 140 gallons of fuel.

Charges in model murder

PA YEADON — A man was charged Wednesday with raping and killing an aspiring teenage model, then cutting up her body, putting it in a steel drum and burning it with help from an acquaintance.

Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green said he will consider seeking the death penalty for Lamar Haymes, 29.

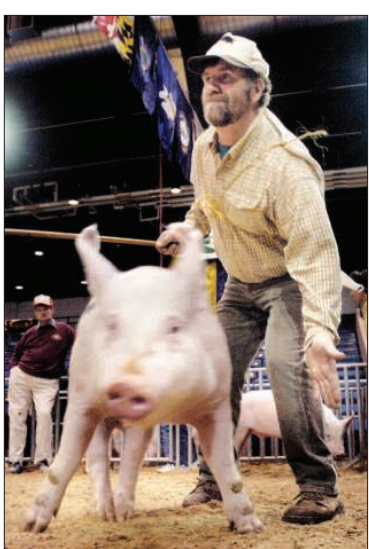
Haymes was charged with kidnapping, rape, first-degree murder, abuse of a corpse and other counts in the death of 15-year-old Deanna Wright McIntosh, who left home early last month after an argument with her mother.

Authorities allege Haymes raped and killed Wright McIntosh at a house in Lansdowne just blocks from her family's Yeadon home.



Sky diving

Roofers Ken Buchalski wipe sweat from his brow while working atop a roof as the Jantzen Girl mannequin seems to dive out of a deep blue sky in Daytona Beach, Fla.



Prize pig

Arle Cornborer of New Freedom, Pa., guides his "barrow," a male pig, past the judge during the best market pigs contest at the 89th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, Pa.



Hop, skip and a jump

Anna Xine skips happily as temperatures rose to the mid 60's in Palmer Square in Princeton, N.J.



Reflections of the past A portion of Philadelphia's Boathouse Row is shown at night. The rowhouse lights, a fixture since the 1976 Bicentennial celebrations, and not revamped since the mid-eighties, were later turned off as part of a plan to re-do the lighting with light-emitting diodes instead of standard light bulbs.



Big hat to fill Nine-month-old Aubrianna Taylor tries on the hat of her uncle, Washington State Trooper Charles Bates, of Key Center, Wash., prior to Bates taking part in graduation ceremonies in Olympia, Wash.



A splash of color Japanese Apricot trees are blooming in the Sara P. Duke Gardens in Durham, N.C., adding a bright touch to the January monochromatic scene.



On a fishin' mission Tamarion Botley, 4, casts a fishing line near a foot bridge across Ellen Trout Memorial Lake in Lufkin, Texas.

Men get big money jobs

NC RALEIGH — A study by the state personnel office found that North Carolina employs almost as many women as men in state government, but women fill most low-wage jobs. Women make up 48.9 percent of the state work force but hold 71.5 percent of the jobs in the bottom 10 pay grades. Men hold 75 percent of the jobs in the top 15 pay grades.

Scholarship needs funds

SD PIERRE — Legislators will be asked to find \$500,000 to fully fund a new scholarship program that's more popular than expected. It pays \$5,000 in tuition over four years to qualifying high school graduates for any college or vocational school in the state. The Legislature last year appropriated enough money to fund two years of the program for 650 students, but \$26,000.

Suspect killed

NJ CAMDEN — A man killed during an attempted robbery was responsible for a string of rapes in a downtown neighborhood, authorities said Wednesday. Camden County Prosecutor Vincent P. Sarubbi said the state police DNA lab confirmed Antonio Diaz Reyes, 32, was the rapist in the recent attacks of a high school student, a university student and a store worker.

The rapes in November and December were brazen daylight attacks at knife-point. Investigators decided to check Reyes' DNA because the would-be robber's method was similar to that used in the sexual assaults.

Authorities said Reyes entered the Camden City Wireless and Fishing Supply store Friday afternoon and held the store owner's wife at knife-point. Owner Ngoc Le, 28, grabbed his own gun and told Reyes he would let him live if he released his wife, authorities said. Reyes refused and Le opened fire, fatally hitting Reyes in the head.

Budget request add up

MT HELENA — The Legislature's chief budget analyst warned that while the state appears to have plenty of money for the 2005 Legislature to spend, the demands for the cash are quickly eating it away. School funding needs and a state employee pay raise easily could drain what remains of an "unprecedented" \$293 million budget surplus, Clayton Schenck said.

Funny paperwork

TX DALLAS — An internal investigation has found that Dallas County Sheriff's Department officials conspired to falsify training records for a civilian reserve deputy so he could patrol county highways unsupervised and make DWI arrests.

Former Sheriff Jim Bowles, days before leaving office last week, reversed conclusions of the investigation and ordered them reclassified as "unfounded," shutting down the case before he left his job.

According to an internal memorandum, the department's internal affairs office had enough evidence to prove that Deputy Arlo Mike

Baker, Deputy Thomas "Buck" Fortner and reserve Deputy Cary Platt "conspired to manufacture fraudulent official Sheriff's Department records."

Platt, a real estate developer, denied the allegations Wednesday.

Gargantuan gator

FL MIAMI — Residents could be forgiven for doing a double-take when an alligator weighing more than 400 pounds was yanked out of a downtown creek — so big it had to be hoisted out by a fire truck.

The 12-foot alligator was discovered in Wagner Creek, about 16 miles from the Everglades, in the shadow of two major hospital complexes and around the corner from a veterans' medical center, a court house, a county jail and government office buildings.

It was "about the last place you'd expect to see an alligator of any size," said trapper Todd Hardwick. Alligators are much more common in suburban canals and lakes.

The alligator likely swam downtown years ago, when it was smaller, and lived in the canal system draining the Miami Civic Center, emerging only to snatch raccoons and opossums from the bank, Hardwick said.

Charges dropped

TX SAN ANTONIO — Child-indecent-exposure charges have been dropped against Federal Administrative Law Judge Forrest Elmo Stewart. A teenage accuser several months ago admitted that she lied about having sex with Stewart, 78. District Attorney Susan Reed cited poor cooperation between federal officials and investigators in determining what really happened.

Salty wreck

TN ERWIN — With winter's full wrath still to be felt, Unicoi County is already having a cold-weather crisis: It lost all three of its salt trucks during a single traffic accident.

"We have snow plows and graders to do the winter road work, but we'll have to probably seek help from the state in getting road salt spread on county roads," said Terry Haynes, the county's highway department superintendent. While traveling Dec. 22 to get more salt, the trucks collided with a tractor-trailer. icy conditions were blamed for the accident.

The lost trucks were valued at about \$275,000. While they are fully covered with insurance, it takes time to go through the insurance process," Haynes said.

War on homelessness

MN DULUTH — Mayor Herb Bergson wants to end homelessness in the city within 10 years. In his state of the city address, Bergson said the city will team up with a local food bank to start a fund for Duluth residents who go hungry. "It's going to be very challenging to have the long-term resources that will sustain this," said Greg Owen, who has researched homelessness for the St. Paul-based Wilder Research Center. He said homelessness is a complex issue.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Horoscope

The new moon in Capricorn is about as pragmatic as it gets. Capricorn energy rules the sky now, and the fluffy niceties of life have never seemed more irrelevant. Small talk, flattery and frivolity of every kind will be sacrificed to get to the heart of the matter. This is how we proceed quickly toward our goal. It's the perfect day to start a new project.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (January 10). You thrill to see the culmination of your seemingly diverse talents this year — pull all your resources into one beautiful vision. A self-realization process is building through this month and next. New mentors and honest friends around you will be key. Love also has much to teach you through the spring, but you must ask for what you need.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be judged by your conversation, so make sure it's "A-level" work. Being close to a gossipy co-worker is socially dangerous — this person's negativity could drag you down into a spiteful whirlpool. Keep your high integrity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Yes, you're attractive — wildly so at times. But still, there are certain very unsexy aspects of your life that could use an update. Since internally, you're stepping into a sultry new role, your exterior world will change, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stars shed a light on those gems in your life — the people whose dedication and loyalty make your life easier. Show your gratitude by taking special care of these folks, and they will sparkle accordingly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). By all accounts, you should have the same concerns that plagued you yesterday, but now, somehow they don't seem so bad. Everywhere you go, you leave a path of sunshine in your wake.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Why is it that your so-called "time off" is often more draining than your "time

on"? Perhaps you feel you must perform for certain loved ones. What you really need is to be alone with your inspiration — just you and your muse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You could splurge on something ridiculous, like a gaudy chunk of bling. "What you really crave is respect. It's more valuable than rubies, more substantial than diamonds and more affordable than cubic zirconium."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The crazies gravitate toward you. It's because you're the diplomatic leader, and they need you to show them how to get along. Some people's idea of compromise involves scouring the other.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're bringing the best part of you to work. You're cheerful, and you give exuberance of yourself. Of course, you deserve a raise, but don't ask for it yet. Log in more brownie points first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You keep thinking there's got to be a better way. Even if all you did today was brainstorm, you'd be ahead of the game. Generic ideas get a mediocre response. Radical ideas get a radical response.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What is effortless to you takes a heck of a lot of effort for somebody else. And the opposite is also true. So find the specialist who can take an arduous task off of your to-do list. Otherwise, you waste time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In order to see magic around you, you have to first believe in it. There's no deep work to be done here — just make up your mind to think differently. Before you know it, you're enchanted by an otherworldly nymph.

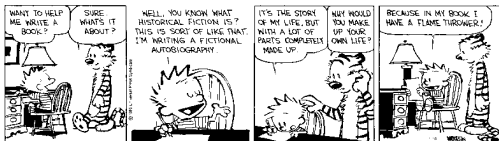
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're organized and smart. But making more money on the job depends more on your sense of political timing. It boils down to putting others first — thinking of the problem from your boss' point of view.

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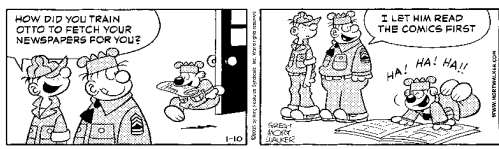
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Better or Worse



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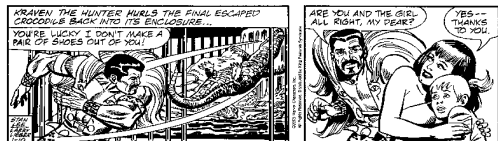
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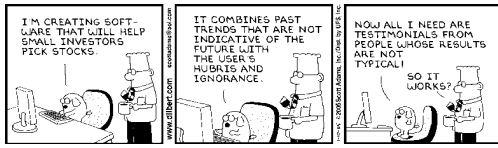
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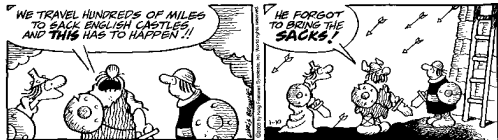
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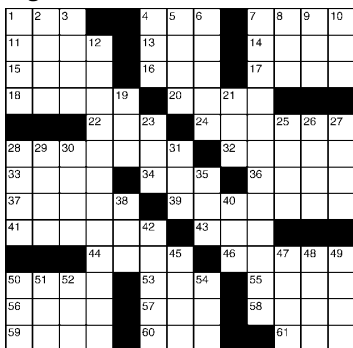
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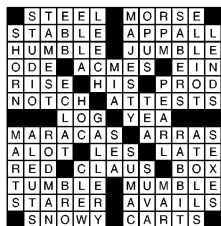
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Saturday's Cryptoquip: AT THE PUB, BECAUSE WE LIKE THE CLASSIC SONGWRITER, WE ALL DRANK A COLD PORTER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals L

Surgery should be individual choice

Dear Abby: My companion, "Sharon," and I are seniors and widowed. Sharon has an identical twin, "Karen." The sisters have scheduled some cosmetic surgery, nothing major — just a "nip" here and a "tuck" there.

Now Karen has informed Sharon that because of some sudden and unexpected financial difficulties, she's unable to go ahead with the surgery.

Sharon now feels that she should cancel her surgery because she's afraid they will no longer look alike, and she feels it would be unfair to Karen.

I am neutral. I find Sharon beautiful as she is.

However, I know that she is very disappointed. What do you or your identical twin readers think? Should Sharon have the surgery?

— In Love With Sharon

Dear in Love: In the era in

which your companion was named, identical twins were encouraged to accentuate their similarities. (Thankfully, that practice has changed in recent decades, and twins are now encouraged to develop as individuals.) If identical twinning is

important to Sharon, she should not have the surgery. It could make her feel guilty, and her twin felt abandoned. She is wise to carefully consider all the ramifications.

Dear Abby: Please help me handle this mess. I have two daughters, "Rina" and "Diana," who are both in their 20s.

Diana, my younger daughter, has two children. She's constantly trying to push her little girls onto me while she works. I love them, but my health isn't all that great.

If I turn Diana down, she accuses me of not being a good mother or grandma.

When Rina and Diana argue, they constantly try to put me in the middle. They get angry at me when I refuse to take sides. Please help me. I can't watch my granddaughters seven days a week, and I'm sick of being forced to referee in my daughters' battles.

— Tired of Being a Pushover, Ridgeland, S.C.

Dear Pushover: Your health must stand up first. Unless you stand up for yourself, you'll get no respect from either of your daughters. You ARE a good mother — you're raising the children you brought into this world. Now it's Diana's turn. Tell her plainly which days you are willing able to watch your granddaughters and that she must make other arrangements the rest of the week. Do not waver and do not apologize. Because someone calls you a "bad mother" or "bad grandma" does not make you one.

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Dear Abby



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BOINS

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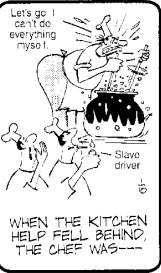
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Print answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Saturday's Jumbles: JULEP PATIO BUSHEL TOUCHY
Answer: How she felt when her cooler recipe won the blue ribbon — JUST "PEACHY"

Niece's lies soon will be revealed

Dear Annie: My brother's 9-year-old daughter, "Carrie," has a habit of exaggerating and stretching the truth.

She'd tell me no longer rumors about members of our family several times. Carrie knows exactly what the sensitive topics are and how to strike a nerve. I've held my tongue before, but this time it's too much.

Carrie told her dad that my daughter pushed her on purpose and cursed at her. There were several other people present, and they all say nothing of the kind occurred. My daughter loves her cousin and would never hurt her.

My brother, of course, listened to Carrie, decided she was telling the truth and proceeded to confront my 12-year-old daughter without my knowledge. How can I convince my brother that his daughter is a liar?

Anytown, U.S.A.
Dear Anytown: Don't try. Even if he believes you, he will defend his daughter and your efforts will

Annie's Mailbox



produce nothing but anger. In time, he will learn that her word is meaningless, but the damage will have been done. Meanwhile, make it clear that under no circumstances is he allowed to confront your daughter. While many children tell small lies in order to get out of trouble or gain rewards, Carrie seems to do this for sport. A child who lies continually and viciously is shunned by everyone.

Dear Annie: Our 4-year-old daughter's name is Arielle, with the accent on the last syllable, but a lot of people rename her Ariel, with the accent on the first syllable, like "The Little Mermaid."

If we wanted her to be called Ariel, we would have named her that.

When I enrolled Arielle in preschool, I wrote the correct pronunciation on her registration card, but both teachers insist on

calling her Ariel. I corrected them, nicely, but they became very defensive and said the name was too unusual to remember.

As a result of this constant mispronunciation, the children in my daughter's class call her Ariel. Arielle is shy and won't correct them. Should I tell Arielle not to respond when someone calls her Ariel?

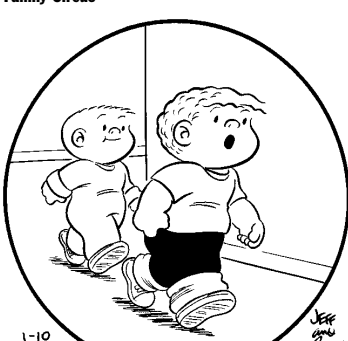
— Tired of The Little Mermaid

Dear Tired: Unusual names often are mispronounced by teachers, but there is no excuse for them to keep doing it after you have called it to their attention. Ask them once more, very politely, to call Arielle by her correct name. If they refuse, talk to the principal.

Keep in mind, this problem may occur every time Arielle has a new teacher, so show her how to correct someone politely.

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"PJ's following me, but I'm not going anywhere."

GRAFFITI

EVERY MAN HAS A PRICE BUT SOME AREN'T WORTH BUYING

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Dennis the Menace



"HOW DID YOU KNOW I HAD RED PAJAMAS, DENNIS?" "DIDN'T I MENTION MY NEW BINOCULARS?"

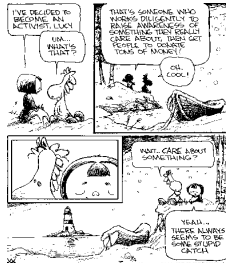
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The Far Side



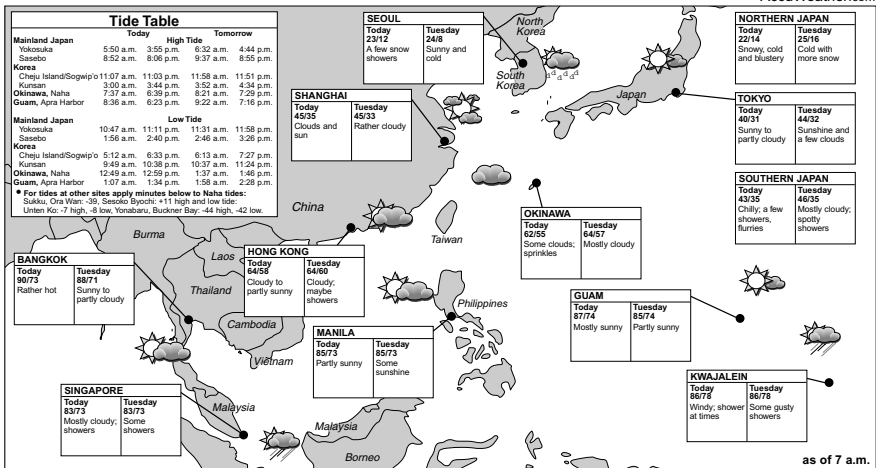
"Wait a minute! Wait a minute! Stop the music... Something's wrong here!"

Non Sequitur



"I've decided to become an astronaut. I'm going to space."

The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 42, low 30.
Thursday: Partly sunny, high 44, low 31.

KADENA
Wednesday: Rain, high 25, low 17.
Thursday: Rain, high 64, low 59.

SEOUL
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 25, low 11.
Thursday: Partly sunny, high 28, low 12.

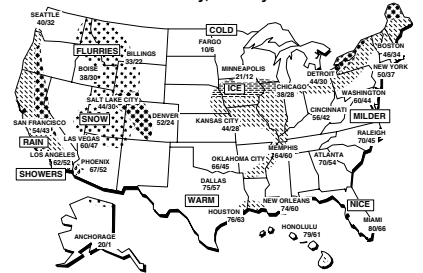
MANILA
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 83, low 73.
Thursday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 85, low 73.

HAGATNA
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 76.
Thursday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 85, low 74.

Saturday's USA Temperature

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	54/36	Los Angeles	60/54
Amarillo	59/38	Little Rock	47/33
Anchorage	29/16	Louisville	45/29
Ashville	63/36	Miami	82/67
Baltimore	50/32	Milwaukee	25/18
Birmingham	60/39	Nashville	49/31
Bismarck	19/8	New York	40/34
Boise	39/32	Omaha	28/23
Boston	36/26	Orlando	62/60
Brownsville	71/61	Philadelphia	46/32
Buffalo	35/25	Phoenix	62/50
Burlington	29/13	Pittsburgh	41/30
Charleston, SC	81/52	Portland, OR	43/34
Charlotte	70/40	Portland, ME	30/18
Cleveland	35/26	Salt Lake City	50/40
Columbus, OH	38/26	St. Louis	37/31
Duluth	18/10	San Antonio	65/46
El Paso	63/40	San Diego	61/57
Hartford	34/20	San Juan	81/72
Helena	18/-1	Tampa	80/60
Indianapolis	34/25	Tulsa	48/40
Jacksonville	83/57	Washington	54/36
Kansas City	34/30	Wichita	41/34

Monday, January 10



U.S. Extended Forecast

Milder air will flood into the East on Monday and Tuesday, but the warm air will come with a price with rainy conditions also accompanying the warmer air. By contrast, a blast of very cold air will work into the western Plains and northern Rockies. California and the Southwest will finally get a break from the recent storms as high pressure becomes dominant. Temperatures, though slightly on the cool side to start, will warm by Wednesday. Florida and much of the Southeast will remain immune to cold air as all of the storm systems remain well to the west and north. The southern and eastern Plains can expect mild weather to start, but a strong cold front could lead to some strong thunderstorms on Wednesday, followed by a cold blast on Thursday.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/73	Iwakuni	42/30
Beijing	37/18	Kadena AB	62/55
Camp Casey	23/8	Kusan AB	32/24
Christchurch	58/42	Kwajalein	86/78
Diego Garcia	87/74	Manila	85/73
Hagatna	87/74	Masawa	25/15
Honolulu	67/56	Oman	26/12
	64/58	Perth	85/64
	79/61	Pusan	36/26

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/74	Budapest	47/39
Alhambra	60/46	Buenos Aires	86/67
Auckland	69/54	Cairo	62/36
Baghdad	51/33	Cancun	88/75
Barbados	82/64	Cape Town	79/58
Barcelona	56/48	Geneva	47/36
Berlin	49/36	Istanbul	49/40
Bermuda	70/60	Jerusalem	52/39
Brussels	50/38	Johannesburg	79/57
		Kabul	39/22
		Kiev	31/24
		Kuwait	62/36
		London	50/41
		Madrid	55/45
		Mexico City	73/37
		Montreal	33/17
		Mogadishu	90/74
		Moscow	25/16
		Nairobi	83/55
		New Delhi	72/41
		Oslo	41/31
		Paris	47/38
		Rio de Janeiro	87/73
		Rome	58/44
		St. Petersburg	24/23
		Stockholm	37/34
		Warsaw	42/36



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Wrestlers rethink approach to DODDS-Japan tourneys

Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Until last season, Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Japan teams tended to put more stock in regular-season wrestling tournaments featuring international school teams, viewing DODDS-only tournaments as tuneups.

But with the DODDS-Pacific decision last September to limit the Far East Wrestling Tournament field to DODDS teams, the roles of DODDS-only tournaments and those that include international schools have reversed, coaches say.

"It's the other way around, at least for Far East, anyway," said coach Robby Rhinehart on Saturday after his Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils captured the team title and won five individual weight classes in the E.J. King Invitational tournament.

The DODDS-only regular-season tournaments make coaches "stand up and pay attention more, look at them closer, think of Far East and who you're going to be facing there," Rhinehart said. "You focus more with the ones with international schools."

Throughout the season, you look at what the DODDS teams work on, what the competition is in each weight class because that's who you're going to compete with for gold" in the Far East tournament, coach Ian Harlow of second-place Zama American said.

The E.J. King tournament was the second of six events leading up to the Far East tournament, which was held for Feb. 17-19 at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Three of the tournaments are DODDS-only.

St. Mary's International of Tokyo, the defending Far East individual freestyle team champion, beat out Kinnick for the title in the Yokota Invitational last month.

Although the DODDS-only tournaments have taken on stronger focus, Harlow doesn't dismiss the importance of regular-season tournaments that include international schools.

"That's very important preparation for Far East, Harlow said.

"You work on your technique against those international schools. And just because they're not going to be there (at Far East) doesn't mean you don't want to beat them."

Rhinehart acknowledges that not having the international schools at Far East will diminish the competition level.

"But a Far East title is still a Far East title," he said. "People may look at it differently, but it's just as valuable. It's a shame for the international schools. But if we win it, I won't let the athletic director to not hang the banner in the gym."

On Saturday, Kinnick took the team title at E.J. King with 39 points, followed by Zama with two weight-class golds and 26 points and Yokota, with four golds and 25 points.

Robert D. Edgren finished fourth with 11 points and host E.J. King tallied six; Edgren and King each won one weight class.

Among the gold-medal winners for Rhinehart and the Devils was defending Far East weight-class champion Joey Wood, who won at 168 pounds and captured the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler award. He edged out Louie Lee of Edgren, who won at 122 pounds and pinned every opponent.

"I'm honored to win it," Wood said, adding that taking an Outstanding Wrestler trophy "was one of my goals this year, and I made it."

Yamato Cibulka (158), Mervin Ibanez (141) and Roderic Thomas (215) also took gold, while Kenji Dougherty rallied from an early 9-0 deficit to edge teammate Jarvis Williams 10-9 for the 148-pound gold.

In edging Yokota by a point, Zama got individual golds from defending Far East heavyweight champion David Burnett and 160-pounder Anthony Garcia.

Burnett credited the presence of new teammate Justin Pianty, who placed second, for his gold medal.

"It's great having him to wrestle for practice," Burnett said, adding he practiced before Pianty's arrival with an assistant coach.

"He's quick, too, and deeply strong. It makes me better to have someone like him at practice."



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E.J. King's Charles "The Steamroller" Howard, top, tries to flatten Robert D. Edgren's Kiko Bratcher during their 180-pound bout won by Bratcher on Saturday at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan.

High school scoreboard

Japan wrestling Saturday's results

At Sasebo Naval Base, Japan

E.J. King Invitational

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Schottenheimer earns AP award

By BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Marty Schottenheimer's guidance of one of the great turnarounds in NFL history won him The Associated Press 2004 NFL Coach of the Year award.

Schottenheimer took the San Diego Chargers from tailender to division champion, from a 4-12 embarrassment to a 12-4 power that was to host the New York Jets in a playoff game Saturday night. The 61-year-old, who also has worked in Cleveland, Kansas City and Washington, did his best work of an 18½-season head coaching career.

"There is a great sense of satisfaction when you're able to get things going in the right direction," said Schottenheimer, who received 27% of the 48 votes from a national panel of writers and broadcasters who cover pro football. "I always pride myself on one thing — I think I'm a teacher. It's fun to see your players listen and work together to apply the basic philosophies and concepts that are important to success."

Many of Schottenheimer's team have done that. He's coached division winners in Cleveland, where he was the head man from mid-1984 through 1988. And in Kansas City (1989-98). He even had an 8-8 record in his one season in Washington, and considering how other Redskins coaches have done for owner Daniel Snyder, that was impressive, too.

But his third season in San Diego has been charmed. And perhaps a bit lucky, because Schottenheimer was looking for a different quarterback and hoped to go with first-round draft pick Philip Rivers.

When Rivers held out for half of training camp, Schottenheimer stuck with Drew Brees. Brees



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wound up as Comeback Player of the Year and Schottenheimer became Coach of the Year for the first time.

His players say Schottenheimer's decision to form a players council and ease up in practices, as well as remodeling the locker room, made a big difference.

"I've seen it all year," said line-backer Donnie Edwards, who also played for Schottenheimer in Kansas City. "The way he's changed his coaching to understand the players and let the players understand the coaches — so it's a two-way street now."

"There are so many things that have changed. It's all been for the best. I'm really excited about him, because he came into the year with great enthusiasm and great energy and it transferred over right to us as players, and we've been able to translate that onto the field."

San Diego won nine of its last 10 games — the loss was in overtime at AFC South champion Indianapolis — to run away with the AFC West. Schottenheimer got superb performances from under-slated tight end Antonio Gates and star running back LaDainian Tomlinson, who made him the All-Pro team. Edwards was one of the league's best defenders, as was tackle Jamal Williams.

That made the 2004 season even more fulfilling for Schottenheimer.

"At the end of the day, there is more than just the personal enjoyment that you've experienced," he said. "It's as much, if you care so, the fact that you can share it with all these people that have worked together with you to achieve it."



San Diego Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer, who guided his team to a 12-4 record and a division title after a 4-12 record, was voted The Associated Press Coach of the Year.

Schottenheimer is the first San Diego coach to win the award. He was trailed by Pittsburgh's Bill Cowher (14½ votes), who led the Steelers to the league's best record, 15-1. Cowher won it in 1992.

Last year's winner, Bill Belichick of New England, got three votes. Atlanta's Jim Mora received two and Carolina's John Fox got one.

Gibbs hires new QBs coach

ASHBURN, Va. — Joe Gibbs began the offseason overhaul of the Washington Redskins' offense Friday, hiring West Coast offense veteran Bill Musgrave as quarterbacks coach.

"He brings in a lot of new ideas," Gibbs said. "We're looking for ideas there. It's a good time to bring in someone who gives you different ideas and brings different viewpoints."

Musgrave's hiring came at the end of four days of meetings in which the Redskins coaches critiqued the roster from top to bottom to plot a strategy for free agency. They also talked with several players, including left tackle Chris Samuels, whose contracts need to be renegotiated to clear room under the salary cap.

Astros await word on Beltran; Indians, Milwaukee reach deal

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Houston Astros will find out shortly whether they'll keep Carlos Beltran.

Competing against the New York Mets and perhaps other teams, the Astros faced a Saturday midnight EST deadline to re-sign the speedy center fielder who helped Houston come within a win of its first World Series appearance.

Beltran, 27, has been seeking a contract in excess of \$100 million. Astros owner Drayton McLane spoke with Beltran's agent, Scott Boras, on Saturday morning.

"There's been no new developments," Astros spokesman Jimmy Stanton said. "There's nothing new to report... I'll be a long day."

After Saturday, the Astros would be unable to sign Beltran until May 1.

Also Friday, the Los Angeles Dodgers closed in on a contract with Red Sox postseason hero Derek Lowe worth about \$36 million over four years and finalized their \$24 million, three-year deal to keep left-hander Odalis Perez.

"I can't comment yet — saying anything now," Lowe said from his home in Fort Myers, Fla., when asked about a possible future with the Dodgers.

The Dodgers was holding off finalizing a contract with Lowe, wanting first to complete a deal that would send Shawn Green to Arizona, a lawyer involved in those talks said on condition of anonymity.

Green, who is due to earn \$16 million this season, did not reach an agreement with the Dodgers backs on a contract extension before Thursday's deadline, but Arizona and the Dodgers requested a new window Friday night. Green and the Diamondbacks were given until Monday to agree to an extension that would allow the teams to finalize a revised trade.

"It's a slightly different deal," Diamondbacks general partner Ken Kendrick said. "We hope we are able to come to terms with Shawn. We were relatively close on certain things and never really had a chance to get to other things."

Dodgers General Manager Paul DePodesta confirmed the matter went to the commissioner's office, but he would not elaborate.

Lowe was 14-12 with a 5.42 ERA in 33 starts for Boston last season. But he was 3-0 with a 1.86 ERA in four games during the postseason, three of them last year. He was the winner in the final game of all three postseason series — against the Angels, Yankees and Cardinals — as the Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years.

About the possibility of pitching for the Dodgers, Lowe said: "They won their division last year. Any time you can go to a team that has won, or has a chance to win, it definitely would be a good situation."

Lowe said he was disappointed the Red Sox never made him an offer to return, but added: "I

knew it was heading down that path late in the season. You realize that it's a business. It was definitely an enjoyable place to play. I have nothing but good things and positive things to say about playing there."

Kevin Millwood, who like Beltran and Lowe is represented by Boras, finalized a \$7 million, one-year contract with the Cleveland Indians on Saturday.

Millwood is guaranteed \$3 million in salary. He also gets a \$4 million signing bonus, but that money is contingent on his not spending more than 20 days on the disabled list for a shoulder or elbow injury sustained while pitching — not fielding or batting.

Millwood also can earn an additional \$1 million in performance bonuses if he makes 34 starts or pitches 215 innings.

If Millwood spends 21 or more days on the DL for an injury to his shoulder or elbow sustained while pitching, he will lose 1/183rd of the signing bonus for each day on the DL, including the day of the injury. That reduction calculates to \$21,857 per day.

While waiting for Beltran's decision, the Mets reached a preliminary agreement on a one-year contract with infielder Miguel Cairo worth about \$900,000.

Left-hander Chris Hammond and the San Diego Padres agreed to a \$750,000, one-year contract that is contingent on the reliever's passing a physical next week. Gabe White, another left-handed reliever, agreed to a \$600,000, one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves.

Designated hitter Ruben Sierra is staying with the Yankees, agreeing Saturday to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract. Also facing the Saturday deadline to re-sign were pitcher Pedro Astacio and first baseman Dave McCarty (Boston); catcher Brent Mayne (Los Angeles); and outfielder Doug Glavine (Philadelphia). But Glavine was considering re-signing.

Among players eligible for salary arbitration, Detroit first baseman Carlos Parra agreed to a one-year contract worth \$2,575,000.

Catcher Rod Barajas and the Texas Rangers agreed Saturday to a \$1.85 million, one-year contract, avoiding salary arbitration.

Laird took over as the starting catcher and received a \$1.5 million raise in his third year in May. He played in 108 games and batted a career-high .249 during a career's first 15 home runs. Barajas, who made \$50,000 last year, has a 227 career average with 26 home runs and 124 RBIs in 319 games.

Manager Tony La Russa on Saturday agreed to a three-year contract extension with the St. Louis Cardinals after taking them to their first World Series in 17 seasons.

La Russa, 60, led the Cardinals to 105 victories and the National League championship last season. St. Louis has been in the playoffs five times in his nine years with the club.

Haslett will return for sixth year with Saints

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Jim Haslett has been told by New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson that he will return for a sixth season as coach.

Haslett's five-year record of 42-38 is the second best in team history behind Jim Mora's 93-78 mark. The Saints, however, have missed the playoffs four straight years. This season, New Orleans started 4-8 but won its final four games to finish 8-8.

"There's been a lot of speculation about the coach the whole year, and we wanted to get that behind us as quick as possible," Saints General Manager Mickey Loomis said.

"We're strongly behind Jim. He's our coach. We strongly believe that he is going to lead this team to a championship."

Haslett declined comment Saturday.

Loomis said Benson met with Haslett on Friday in West Palm Beach, Fla., where the owner has been



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on vacation. Loomis also met with Haslett during the week.

Jim and I met several times during the week to talk about things we need to improve on and set the tone for the next year," Loomis said. "Jim had to get some feelings on the table and we had to get that behind us."

Haslett has two years remaining on a five-year contract that pays him an average of \$3 million a season. He signed the five-year extension in August 2002. "Mr. Benson has been in Jim's corner all along," Loomis said.

"He never ever came out and made any reference to not having Jim here. This was just an affirmation that Jim's our head coach."

Singh still on top in Mercedes

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Standing on the 12th tee, Mike Weir gazed down at the Pacific and watched dozens of surfers riding one big wave after another. As he walked up the 14th green and saw the leader board in the Mercedes Championship, he saw someone riding a wave that was big even by Maui's standards.

There was Vijay Singh — on top of his game, in the lead and showing no signs of letting up. "It's just a given he's going to be there," Weir said.

The only surprise Friday in the second round was that Singh was winners-only field a fighting chance.

The 41-year-old Pujan was 6-under par through seven holes and on the verge of turning the season-opening tournament into a blowout. Then putts started falling until the final hole, when Singh made a 10-foot birdie putt for an 8-under 65 that gave him a two-shot lead over Weir.

"I just started doing really well and kept it going," said Singh, who was at 15-under 131 after two rounds on the Plantation Course at Kapalua.

He'll have to continue if he wants to win.

Weir looked sharp, overcoming a three-putt bogey from 15 feet on No. 10 to shoot a 10-under 63. Ernie Els, who was another shot behind after a 65, also made it look easy. In fact, the Big Easy himself had a round over par in 18 rounds at Kapalua.

"I just feel comfortable here," he said.

Tiger Woods feels anything but that. Woods is swinging better than he has in two years, and putting like he just picked up the game last week. Woods might be chasing Singh for the lead, except for his difficulty on the greens, missing six birdie putts in-



Ernie Els chips onto the ninth green during the second round of the Mercedes Championships on Friday at the Kapalua Plantation Course in Maui, Hawaii. Els finished the day at 12-under, three shots behind leader Vijay Singh.

side 8 feet on Friday in his round of 68 that left him five shots behind.

"If I average my normal putts per round like the rest of the year, I've got a shot at it," said Woods, who has taken 32 putts each of the first two days. "But hey, we've all got to do it."

And it can be done. Weir made putts from a variety of distances in matching his score from the first round of 2002, just one shot off the course record at Kapalua. Defending champion Stuart Appleby shot a 9-under 64 that got him back into contention, six shots behind. Singh, the only player without a bogey this week, has certainly made his share.

Sergio Garcia and Jonathan Kaye each had 67 and were at 11-under 135, while Chad Campbell (67) and Stewart Cink (68) joined Woods at 136. Retief Goosen and David Toms were at 138.

Els isn't the only one who likes Kapalua. Singh had his 16th consecutive round at par or better on the cliffside course, and he has never finished worse than eighth the last five times he has played.

"I think Vijay likes this course, obviously," Els said. "He has a very good record around here. He's got so much confidence now. A guy like Vijay, myself, Tiger, Retief, the longer hitters — you can have some fun out there. You can really bomb it out there, unlike other golf courses we play on tour."

Changes to BCS could include computer, coaches, committee

The Associated Press

GRAPEVINE, Texas — Computers, coaches and a committee — or some combination of all three — are the most likely options for the next revision of the Bowl Championship Series.

Commissioners from the 11 Division I-A conferences met for more than five hours Friday in their first get-together since The Associated Press asked last month that the sport be used in the formula that determines the teams for the four BCS games.

"What it's done is stimulate a re-evaluation of the whole criterion," ACC Commissioner John Swofford said. "It's interesting that in the past, most of the focus had been on the computers and where they fit in. This is the first year that we've really had the focus redirected to the human poll."

The meeting on the opening day of the NCAA convention was the first step toward changes in the BCS. Commissioners will meet again in April, but BCS coordinator and Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weiberg said there might not be any final decisions then.

The primary issue is determining how to rank teams without the AP poll. The BCS formula, used since six computer rankings, was streamlined this season to put heavy emphasis on the two human polls, the AP and the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll.

Weiberg said the BCS could look to supplant the AP poll, "if there is a suitable replacement." The system, which started in 1989 and has overcome several changes, could also rank teams using the coaches poll and the computers.

There is still the concern of the coaches keeping their votes private.

"The transparency issue is one of our most important," Weiberg said. "That would put us in a position to have some level of discomfort moving forward."

The American Football Coaches Association is expected to discuss that issue when it begins its convention Sunday in Louisville, Ky. Coaches voted last month against releasing their final ballots.

More likely for the BCS is a "hybrid" approach using the coaches and computer polls, plus a selection committee.

"There probably needs to be a

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third element," Big 10 Commissioner James Delaney said. "I think everybody feels like if you have more information, more ways to look at it, you minimize extremes."

Weiberg said commissioners seemed to like the idea of a selection committee, similar to the 10-person panel of conference commissioners and athletic directors used to set the 65-team field for the NCAA basketball tournament.

"We did not get into the details, but I think there is interest in it," Weiberg said. "We realize a lot of the same issues apply."

Federer wins Qatar Open

DOHA, Qatar — Roger Federer began 2005 the way he finished 2004: with a victory.

Federer beat sixth-seeded Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia 6-3, 6-1 Saturday in the Qatar Open final for his 21st straight match victory.

The Swiss star has won 13 tournament finals in a row, dating to October 2003, and he appears to be in peak form heading into a title defense in the year's first Grand Slam event, which starts Jan. 17.

"I am extremely happy to start the new year in such fine fashion," Federer said. "I am sure this win will give me great confidence going into the Australian Open."

Last year, he became the first man since Mats Wilander in 1988 to win three Grand Slam titles in a season, going 7-6 with 11 titles overall.

The top-ranked and top-seeded Federer needed just 63 minutes to defeat Ljubicic and claim his 23rd career title in his 31st final.

Missouri RB Nash to enter NFL Draft

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Missouri running back Damien Nash, who left the team in November, announced he would enter the NFL Draft.

Nash, a junior, rushed for 1,254 yards and 12 touchdowns in two seasons.

The relationship between Nash and Missouri coach Gary Pinkel apparently soured after Nash was critical of play-calling following Missouri's 20-17 loss to Oklahoma State on Oct. 23. He was suspended for one game, and after

he returned, his playing time decreased.

Austria's Grugger wins men's World Cup downhill

CHAMONIX, France — Johann Grugger won a World Cup downhill for the second time this season Saturday to lead a strong showing by Austria, which captured three of the top four spots.

For the United States, Daron Rahlfes was fifth and overall World Cup leader Bode Miller shared eighth place.

Italy's Kristian Ghedina prevented an Austrian sweep by finishing second. Reigning downhill world champion Michael Walchhofer was third, followed by teammate Mario Scheiber.

Slovenia's Maze wins women's Cup giant slalom

SANTA CATERINA VALFURVA, Italy — Slovenia's Tina Maze won a World Cup giant slalom Saturday for her second victory this season.

She was followed by Canadians Genevieve Simard and Allison Forsyth while Julia Mancuso of the United States was fourth for the best result of her career.

Maze covered the two runs on the new Deborah Compagnoni course in a combined time of 2 minutes, 36.78 seconds.

Boxer Camacho released on bond in Mississippi

GULFPORT, Miss. — Three-time boxing champion Hector "Macho" Camacho was released from jail after a friend paid part of his bond.

Camacho was charged with burglary of a Gulfport computer shop.

Bloft police also charged him with drug possession after officers said they found him with 10 ecstasy pills in a hotel room when they arrested him Thursday.

The 42-year-old boxer was released Friday after being held on \$75,000 bail for the drug charge and \$10,000 for the burglary charge, police said. Bonding companies are required to collect 10 percent — in this case, \$12,500. A friend put up \$2,000 and Camacho will pay the rest. Randy Hilton of D&H bail bonds told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Camacho (78-52, 38 KO's) has been training on the Mississippi coast for a Jan. 21 middleweight bout with Chris Walsh (19-7-1, 7 KO's) in Gulfport.

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Grizzlies stretch win streak to six

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A night after soundly defeating the defending NBA champions on the road, the Memphis Grizzlies extended their winning streak to a season-high six games with a victory over the league's worst team.

Pau Gasol scored 20 points and Shane Battier added 19 to help the Grizzlies defeat the New Orleans Hornets 84-76 Friday night.

Memphis outscored New Orleans 8-1 in the final 2:25 to improve to 18-17, the first time the Grizzlies have been above .500 since Friday's win followed Thursday's 101-79 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

The Hornets dropped to an NBA-worst 2-29 with their 10th straight loss. "They're hungry, and they want to get a win bad. ... We felt this was a game we

were going to win. The demeanor of the team never changed. We just knew we had to play defense and stop them."

Gasol added 11 rebounds, and Battier matched his season-high with 10 rebounds. He also had a career-high five blocks.

The two teams went scoreless for more than four minutes in the fourth quarter. The Grizzlies shot 22 percent, only slightly better than the Hornets' 20 percent.

New Orleans also had six turnovers in the fourth.

The Hornets, despite not making a field goal in the final seven minutes, closed within a point twice in the fourth quarter, the final time at 76-75 on Rodney Rogers' two free throws with 2:23 left.

From there, Memphis put together six straight points as part of its closing stretch.

"I don't know what it is, but we're not playing smart," Rogers said.

Mike Miller finished with 16 points for Memphis.

Baron Davis led the Hornets with 19 points and eight assists, but just knew 6-0-20 from the field. The Hornets shot a season-low 31.7 percent — quite an accomplishment for a team that began the night with the league's worst field goal percentage, 39.7 percent.

"It's not like we're getting three shots," Davis said.

"We're getting the looks. We're just not making our shots. Once again, I thought we settled for three."

Lee Nailon added 14 points, and Rogers and P.J. Brown finished with 10 points. Brown also had 12 rebounds.

Memphis coach Mike Fratello acknowledged the wounded Hornets presented "the worst game you can have" after Thursday's win at Detroit.

"We were fortunate," Fratello said. "I commend New Orleans for the effort. They had a difficult season, but they didn't give up and played hard."



New Orleans Hornets' J.R. Smith drives on Memphis Grizzlies' Shane Battier (31) during the first half Friday in Memphis, Tenn.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
New York	16	77	77
Philadelphia	17	465	19
Boston	15	469	19
Washington	15	458	19
Toronto	12	353	40
Southeast Division			
Miami	18	581	7
Orlando	17	548	8
Charlotte	8	267	16
Florida	9	161	11
Central Division			
Cleveland	12	625	5
Chicago	18	563	7
Indiana	17	561	8
Detroit	12	480	2
Minnesota	18	400	7
Milwaukee	19	367	7

Western Conference

Southwest Division			
San Antonio	20	677	5
Dallas	19	677	5
Memphis	16	618	11
New Orleans	19	605	24
Northwest Division			
Seattle	18	742	9
Portland	17	548	6
Vancouver	14	458	9
Utah	11	324	13
Pacific Division			
Phoenix	24	875	0
Sacramento	21	677	6
L.A. Lakers	17	548	10
Golden State	11	323	17

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Duke subdues fiesty Temple

Ewing, Redick combine for 46 points in meeting of Hall of Fame coaches

BY KEITH PARSONS
The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Tired of watching his vaunted matchup zone allow open shots, Temple coach John Chaney tried a triangle-and-two and even some man-to-man.

It was the ultimate sign of respect for Daniel Ewing and J.J. Redick, and one that was well-deserved.

The Duke duo combined for 46 points and nine three-pointers, leading the fifth-ranked Blue Devils over the Owls 82-74 Saturday in a matchup of Hall of Fame coaches Mike Krzyzewski and John Chaney.

"Daniel really led us," Krzyzewski said. "He was 3-for-11 in the first half, and for him to have the courage to step forward like that, that's why he's our leader. He's been a heck of a player for us."

Ewing finished with 24 points, and Redick scored 22 for Duke (11-0), which starts the bulk of its Atlantic Coast Conference schedule next week against North Carolina State. Shelden Williams added 10.

Mardy Collins continued to flourish in his role as point guard, finishing with 23 points, seven rebounds, six assists and six steals for Temple (5-6).

"He wasn't a point guard when I got him, I've done a hell of a job with him," Chaney quipped. "He's a bona fide point guard now, he's as tough as they come."

The outside D.J. Salesberry had a career-high 21 points.

Krzyzewski improved to 7-1 against



Duke's DeMarcus Nelson, left, is harassed by Temple's Antwan Robinson during the Blue Devils' 82-74 victory at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Saturday.

Chaney, including five straight wins. The coaches were inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001, and they are two of only six active coaches with at least 700 victories.

Combined, they have 1,418, and despite the loss, Chaney appeared to have a good time afterward, spending several minutes posing for pictures with Duke fans.

"This was a very positive game for both teams," Krzyzewski said. "The other team wasn't going to lose a game like this, you had to win it."

Temple got within five points four times in the second half. The Blue Devils had an answer each time, mostly from Ewing.

After the Owls cut it to 60-55, Ewing got in the passing lane for a steal and drove the length of the court for an open dunk, then followed with a three-pointer to increase the margin to 10.

"We just couldn't get a stop when we needed it," Collins said. "They matched everything we did."

Later, Ewing made another three-pointer after Wayne Marshall's putback cut the lead to 67-62, then matched a long-range jumper by Salesberry to put Duke ahead by seven.

Redick helped seal it from there at the free throw line, although he did miss one of his six attempts, leaving him 63-for-68 this season.

"It was all Daniel," Redick said. "His play in the second half got us going."

The Blue Devils shot a season-high 34 three-pointers, thanks to the Owls' trademark defense. Several times, Redick made shots from a few steps behind the line, leaving Temple freshman Mark Tyndale shaking his head.

"We lost our focus as far as Redick," Chaney said. "He hit a couple of shots where when we have a freshman on him. He had done a great job, but he got mixed up and ran to where the ball was, rather than staying where Redick was."

Tyndale had his struggles on offense, too. After finishing 14-for-20 earlier in the week against Massachusetts, he was 4-for-16 in this one, leaving him at 26 percent for the season.

Connecticut towers over Georgetown

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Much like those John Thompson-coached Georgetown teams of the 1980s, Connecticut has reached a point where, as coach Jim Calhoun put it, "One of our best shots is a missed shot."

That certainly was the case Saturday. The No. 10 Huskies launched bricks all game, but 17 offensive rebounds made the difference in a 66-59 victory over the Hoyas.

"We're so atypical of what we've been," Calhoun said. "Generally speaking, when a lot of people think of Connecticut, they think of Ray Allen, they think of Caron Butler, they think of Ben Gordon, they think of the great perimeter players, and we're going — and it's been a tough transition — to an inside team, and really trying to borrow a little bit from John Sn." Charlie Villanueva had 19 points and 13 rebounds, and Denham Brown helped save off Georgetown's second-half rally with a season-high 19 points as the Huskies (9-2, 1-1) rebounded from a home loss to Boston College in their Big East opener.

The Huskies built a 20-point halftime lead by simply throwing the ball toward the basket and letting their big men go after it.

Connecticut overcame 38 percent shooting with a 47-32 rebounding advantage, including 32-15 in the first half.

The Huskies led by 22 early in the second half, but the Hoyas cut the lead to six with an 18-4 run



Connecticut's Marcus Williams, right, drives to the basket against Georgetown's Jonathan Wallace.

that included three three-pointers. Brown stopped the rally almost single-handedly with 12 points in the final 9½ minutes, including a three-pointer that restored a double-digit lead with 2:53 to play.

Georgetown cut the lead to six in the final minute on a three-pointer by Ashanti Cook, but Connecticut made its last four free throws.

Brown was 5-for-8 from the field and made all eight free throws, providing a boost on a day in which Josh Boone struggled with just seven points, his first game below double figures this season.

The Huskies have won eight straight over the Hoyas.

Jeff Green scored 17 of his 22 points in the second half for the Hoyas (9-4, 1-1) in the first Big East loss for John Thompson III, whose Princeton offense in no way resembles the big-man Georgetown days of his father. Georgetown won at No. 16 Pittsburgh on Wednesday.

Stanford stops Arizona's nine-game winning streak

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Dan Grunfeld scored six straight points during a decisive second-half run and finished with a career-high 29, and Stanford snapped No. 13 Arizona's nine-game winning streak with an 87-76 victory Saturday.

Chris Hernandez, the Cardinal's starting point guard, returned to the lineup after missing Thursday's game against Arizona State with back spasms and scored 23 in his team's best showing under first-year coach Trent Johnson.

Rob Little had 16 points and 12 rebounds before fouling out with 1:07 left, helping the Cardinal (7-7, 1-3 Pac-10) avoid their worst start in Pac-10 play since losing their first six conference games in the 1983-84 season.

Arizona (12-3, 2-1) played a sloppy game and never got in sync offensively against the inspired Cardinal, who used a thrilling 80-77 victory over the Wildcats here last year on Nick Robinson's 35-footer at the buzzer to help propel them to the No. 1 ranking.

Channing Frye had 20 points

Heels: Big run to close half dooms Terps

HEELS, FROM BACK PAGE

The Tar Heels didn't get off to a great start. They committed 15 first-half turnovers against Maryland's aggressive defense, which helped the Terrapins get out in transition and take a 29-24 lead.

It led an angry Roy Williams to break a clipboard during a timeout to fire up his team.

But once the Tar Heels stopped making mistakes, they turned the game into a display of their romping, up-tempo offense.

After Chris McCray stripped McCants of the ball on the wing, Williams pulled his star in favor of Terry, a 6-foot-7 sophomore.

Terry quickly responded, hitting a jumper in the lane to start the decisive run. Shortly after, Terry tipped out a rebound to save the possession, then sunk a three-pointer for a 32-30 lead that had the fans chanting his name.

"Coach has always said be ready," Terry said. "I just took that motivation and ran with it."

From there, Felton got the Tar Heels going, assisting on a transition slam by Jawad Williams and scoring a layup off an alley-oop pass by McCants off a turnover.

Maryland went 1-for-11 the rest of the half and trailed 47-34 at the break. The Tar Heels opened the second half with four three-point plays in the first 3½ minutes.

and 13 rebounds and Hassan Adams added 19 points and 10 rebounds for cold-shooting Arizona, which had averaged 90.4 points over its previous five games. Salim Stoudamire added 14 points for the Wildcats, who shot 38.4 percent.

Arizona missed its first five shots of the second half and Stanford opened with an 8-2 spur, taking a 47-38 lead on Hernandez's three-pointer with 17:20 remaining. When Little scored and was fouled with 13:30 left for a three-point play, Arizona coach Lute Olson threw his arm in the air in frustration. Little's basket started a 14-2 run, and Grunfeld scored the next three times down the floor to make it 60-47 with 11:04 left.

Stoudamire pulled Arizona within 77-71 on two free throws with 1:39 left, then Hernandez took the ball the length of the court for a layup.

The Wildcats went away from their stingy foul-court press until late, and wound up fouling Stanford in the backcourt more times than not. Hernandez and backup Jason Hays were on the floor at the same time for much of the game to handle Arizona's talented guards.

Brown rallies top-ranked Illini at Purdue

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Dee Brown made sure that all Purdue gave No. 1 Illinois was a scare.

Brown scored all 14 of his points in the second half to lead the Illini to a 68-59 victory over Purdue on Saturday.

Trailing at halftime for the first time this season, the Illini opened the second half with a 23-6 run to take control.

Brown hit three three-pointers during the surge, the last giving Illinois a 56-45 lead with just over nine minutes to play. He also turned up the heat defensively, creating turnovers and opportunities in transition for the quicker, more talented Illini.

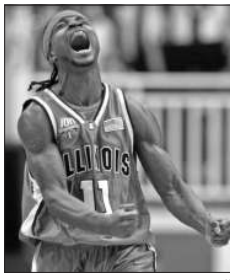
Luther Head scored 15 points for Illinois (16-0, 2-0 Big Ten), which came into the game overlooking opponents by 20.5 points a game.

Matt Kiefer had 17 points and six rebounds and led the crisis hot moment on offense that has made the Illini unbeatable so far this season.

Illinois was uncharacteristically sluggish in the first half, missing open layups and three-pointers, getting into foul trouble and lacking the crisp ball movement on offense that has made the Illini unbeatable so far this season.

The Illini trailed for most of the half and were down 39-33 at halftime to the inspired Boilermakers, who quieted the thousands of Illinois fans who made the trip to West Lafayette.

Purdue was aggressive from the opening tip



Illinois trailed at halftime for the first time this season. But Dee Brown, above, made three three-pointers and forced turnovers early in the second half to put the Illini in control.

after receiving a tongue-lashing from coach Gene Keady following another lackluster effort in a loss to Wisconsin on Wednesday.

After that game, Keady openly wondered if he has waited too long to step aside, suggesting that the team needs new blood and a new face to take over a team he may have lost.

The Boilermakers showed on Saturday that they are still behind their coach, who is in his 25th and final season at the Purdue bench.

Kiefer scored 13 points in the first 10 minutes, including an eye-opening drive and dunk that gave the Boilermakers a 25-19 lead.

He injected some life into a Purdue fan base that has grown weary of the team's failures this season.

On their next possession, Kiefer drove the lane and dished to Carl Landry for a dunk that whipped the crowd into a frenzy.

Landry had 10 points and five rebounds in the first half and finished with 15 points and six rebounds.

The Illini, who came into the game shooting 51 percent from the field, shot just 38 percent in the first half while Purdue shot 57 percent. It was just about the reverse in the second half as the undermanned Boilermakers were overwhelmed by Illinois' depth and Brown's tenaciousness.

Roger Powell had two huge dunks in the second half, including one off an inbound play underneath the basket that swung the momentum back to Illinois. After a layup by Kiefer, Powell brought Purdue within 59-50. Powell converted a three-point play to extend the lead.

Illinois has its best record since the 1988-89 team was 17-0. That team won the Big Ten championship and advanced to the Final Four.

The only other Illinois team to start the season with 16 straight wins was 1941-45, when the Illini won the national championship.

Army's rally falls short at Colgate

The Associated Press

HAMILTON, N.Y. — Sophomore Jon Simon scored 17 points to lead Colgate to a 60-56 victory over Army on Saturday.

Dan Gentile added nine points for Colgate (5-8, 1-0) while Kyle Roemer and Andrew Zidar scored eight points each in the Patriot League opener for both teams.

The loss was the fifth straight for Army (2-12, 0-1).

The Black Knights trailed 51-41, 6: minutes into the second half but cut it to 54-53 with 5:11 remaining.

Trailing by two, Army's Cory Simming missed a layup with 51 seconds left. Zidar grabbed the rebound and sealed the win for the Raiders with a layup with 19 seconds left.

Grant Carter led the Black Knights with 14 points, including four three-pointers, while Matt Bell had 13 and Colin Harris 11.

Army hosts Holy Cross on Wednesday.

Okla. State prevails at Texas Tech

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Joey Graham was too aggressive in the first half of No. 7 Oklahoma State's 76-66 victory over Texas Tech, accounting for five of his team's 14 first-half turnovers.

"But in the second half I was more patient and a lot of good things started happening for me," he said. "It was just a matter of letting the game come to you."

Graham had no turnovers in the second half Saturday and finished with 25 points — including all 10 of his free throw attempts — and 12 rebounds.

In a meeting of coaches who have more than 1,600 combined wins, OSU's Eddie Sutton got his 76th victory — and kept Tech's Bobby Knight at 840. Sutton and Knight have combined 74 years of coaching experience in Division I, with 39 years for Knight and 35 for Sutton.

The Cowboys (11-1, 1-0) used an 18-5 run to take a 69-53 lead with 8:24 remaining. Graham had four points, and his brother, Stephen Graham, had 10 during the run.

The Red Raiders (8-4, 0-1) answered with a 9-3 run, with five points by Ronald Ross and four by Jarriss Jackson, to pull within 68-66 with 2:50 remaining but could not get closer.

OSU scored points and Devonnie Giles added 20 for the Red Raiders.

John Lucas finished with 20 points for the Cowboys, hitting six three-pointers — including two in a row in the final 6 minutes. John McFarland added 14 points.

"We said, 'As long as we stay together, we can win this,'" Lucas said. "When we got on top our intensity kept getting higher, and once we got on top I knew it was over." Oklahoma State, which has averaged 14 turnovers this season, had 23 against Texas Tech.

"Their defense was the best we've seen them play this season," said Oklahoma State assistant coach James Dickie, who preceded Knight as Tech's coach.

Sutton did not attend the post-game

news conference.

The Cowboys rebounded Tech 38-22. "They really beat us badly on the boards," Knight said. "We don't really expect fundamental things during the game and those are things we need to keep getting better at if we're going to win."

Texas Tech led 36-29 at halftime. Oklahoma State pulled into a 47-41 tie on the first of two free throws by Stephen Graham with 11:46 remaining, and took the lead on his second shot.

In other Top 25 games Saturday:

Ohio State 81, No. 14 Iowa 69: In Columbus, Ohio, Terence Davis scored 22 points and Tony Stockman added 19 to help the Buckeyes drop the Hawkeyes to 0-2 in the Big Ten for the first time in 11 years.

Iowa (12-3, 0-2) had won nine in a row until losing at home to Michigan 65-63 on Wednesday.

The Buckeyes (12-3, 1-1) were never seriously threatened after a 12-0 first-half run allowed them to build a double-digit lead for most of the remainder of the game.

Dials hit eight of 12 shots from the field and six of seven free throws.

He had scored just seven points on 2-of-5 shooting in Wednesday night's 84-65 loss to top-ranked Illinois.

Stockman hit five of seven three-pointers for Ohio State, which was 12-for-28 from behind the arc. Je'Kel Foster matched his career high with 12 points for the Buckeyes, hitting four of seven three-pointers.

The last time Iowa was 0-2 in the Big Ten was during the 1993-94 season.

Pierre Pierce had a career-best 31 points for the Hawkeyes, who had 16 turnovers.

No. 16 Pittsburgh 66, Rutgers 63 (OT): In Piscataway, N.J., freshman Ronald Ramon scored a career-high 21 points to help Pittsburgh end its two-game losing streak.

Ramon looked like he would be the hero in regulation when his three-pointer with 7.6 seconds left gave the Panthers (11-2, 1-1 Big East) a 58-55 lead.

But Ricky Shields hit a three from the



Rutgers' Jimmie Inglis (55) is fouled by Pittsburgh's Mark McCarroll (21).

left side with a 4 seconds left for Rutgers (6-5, 0-1) to force overtime.

Pitt, which had been ranked as high as No. 10 and was coming off home losses to Bucknell and Georgetown, took the lead for good at 64-63 on a drive by Antonio Graves with 41 seconds to play. It was Rutgers' first points in more than 39 minutes.

No. 17 Louisville 86, TCU 61: In Louisville, Ky., freshman Juan Palacios scored 23 points and Francisco Garcia added 21 to boost Louisville over mistake-plagued TCU.

Palacios grabbed seven rebounds and Garcia had four assists for the Cardinals (12-3, 1-1 Conference USA), who scored 22 points off 23 TCU turnovers.

Nile Murry had 15 points and eight rebounds for TCU (10-5, 0-1), which had a four-game winning streak snapped and fell

to 1-46 in road games against Top 25 teams.

The Cardinals jumped out to a 17-2 lead as the Horned Frogs had 11 turnovers in the first nine minutes. Three minutes later, TCU had 14 turnovers and trailed 47-27.

No. 18 Mississippi State 87, Mississippi 76: In Oxford, Miss., Lawrence Roberts had 23 points and Gary Evvin added 15 for the Bulldogs (14-2, 2-0 SEC), who shot nearly 57 percent from the field in winning their NCAA-best 16th straight road game.

Ontario Harper had 12 points and Marcus Campbell had 11 for the Bulldogs.

Tommie Eddie had 17 points, Londrick Nolen scored 12 and Todd Abernethy and Kendrick Fox each added 11 for Ole Miss (9-6, 0-2).

Mississippi State has eight straight wins overall and has beaten its cross-state rival seven consecutive times.

No. 20 Michigan 87, Northwestern 57: In East Lansing, Mich., Maurice Acy scored 18 points and Paul Davis had 17 to lead the Wolverines to its seventh straight victory.

The Spartans (10-2, 2-0 Big Ten) have won their first two conference games for the first time since 2000, when it was the national championship. They beat Penn State on Wednesday.

Michael Thompson, a Duke transfer, led the Wildcats (8-6, 1-1) with 16 points.

No. 21 West Virginia 64, St. John's 60: In Morgantown, W. Va., D'or Fischer and Kevin Pittsnogle combined for 27 points as West Virginia used its inside game to win.

The Mountaineers (11-1, 1-1 Big East) scored their third-point offense stifled by the second straight game. But Fischer scored 18 points and had three blocks to move into 23rd place on the career NCAA list with 362.

Pittsnogle came off the bench to add nine points as West Virginia rebounded from an 84-46 loss at Villanova on Wednesday, the team's worst loss in six seasons.

David Hill, who was named the Defensive Player of the Week honors, led St. John's (6-6, 0-2) with a career-high 29 points.

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Tar Heels take down Terrapins

Winning streak reaches 13 for North Carolina

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — For the previous six games, third-ranked North Carolina hammered the opposition expecting that the Atlantic Coast Conference season would be more demanding.

But on Saturday, the Tar Heels made a ranked league team look just as helpless as their other opponents.

Rashad McCants scored 19 points to lead seven players in double figures in the Tar Heels' 109-75 rout of No. 22 Maryland, a blowout that was the latest in a growing string of impressive victories.

The Tar Heels (13-1, 2-0) had their highest scoring output ever against the Terrapins (9-3, 1-1), and were two points from matching their biggest margin of victory in the series. It was the most points Maryland had allowed in 14 years.

"We wanted to send a statement out that we're a better basketball club than we were last year," said Sean May, who had 14 points. "There were a lot of question marks about this team because we've had the talent for a few years and haven't really lived up to it. And we used every excuse in the book."

"Our statement was: This team's for real, we're going to get better every day in practice and treat every game as a chance to get better."

As of now, that's a scary thought for the rest of the league.

The Tar Heels have won 13 straight games — most by lopsided margins — since a loss to Santa Clara in the season opener. On Saturday, North Carolina shot 57 percent, went 10-for-20 from three-point range, had a 49-28 rebounding edge and led by as many as 42 points.

The Tar Heels got production throughout the lineup. Raymond Felton added 12 points and six assists, and had little trouble pushing the ball through Maryland's trapping defense. Jawad Williams had 13 points while freshman Marvin Williams added 12.



Maryland guard John Gilchrist loses control during the Terrapins' lopsided loss in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Saturday. The Tar Heels closed the first half on a 23-5 run to take a 13-point halftime lead that grew steadily.

Rashad McCants, right, led the third-ranked Tar Heels with 19 points in their 109-75 victory on Saturday.

It was the most points North Carolina scored against Maryland and the most the Terrapins have allowed in 14 years.



Even reserve Reyshawn Terry — who came in averaging two points and five minutes a game — finished with 11 points and keyed a 29-5 run spanning halftime that gave the Tar Heels a huge lead.

North Carolina has cracked the

100-point mark three straight times, the first time that has happened since the Tar Heels' national title season in 1992-93. It was North Carolina's biggest victory margin against a ranked opponent since beating Florida State

103-55 in January 1998.

"We're extremely happy with what went on," coach Roy Williams said, "and I'm extremely impressed with my team."

The Terrapins led by five with about 9 minutes left in the first half, but nothing went right after that. That included Nik Caner-Medley's shorts, which were on backward the entire game and drew mocking chants from the raucous student section.

Maryland shot just 38 percent, including 2-for-22 from three-point range.

"It's a big game, and it's hard to look at a score like that," said Travis Garrison, who scored 13 points for the Terrapins. "I tip my hat. They played real hard and they just took it to us."

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